

11 October 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian

We wrote to you in May of this year regarding the A Level English Literature NEA, the coursework component of the qualification. This is worth 20% of the final grade awarded and consists of two essays, one focusing on prose and one on poetry, each of up to 1,500 words in length.

We are proud of how the students have approached their first essay. They have now had feedback on their drafts and are due to hand in their final version on **Friday 20th October**. With student workload due to mock examinations and the NEA requirements of other subjects in mind, we have made the decision to move the deadlines for the second NEA essay to the following dates:

First draft of Essay 2:

To be handed to supervisor on or by **Friday 12th January 2024**.

Final submission of Essay 2:

To be handed to supervisor on or by **Friday 23rd February 2024**.

We would be grateful if you could take note of these dates. Please may we also take this opportunity to remind you of the importance that, in line with JCQ and AQA, all written work is completed autonomously by the students. Students also need to understand the severity of plagiarism, including the use of Artificial Intelligence technology.

Marks will only be awarded once final drafts have been handed in and internally moderated and students will be informed of their marks at least two weeks before they are submitted to AQA. Students should be aware that their marks are subject to change by external standardisation.

Kind regards,

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