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## **GCSE English Language and English Literature**

Dear parent / Carer,

We are making a couple of changes to the way we deliver our GCSE courses of English Language and English Literature.

After October half term, six of our Year 10 classes will have separate teachers for Language and Literature. Both GCSEs will have equal time (2 hours a week each) and one of those teachers will be the original teacher who appears on your child's timetable. They will not be moving groups.

We believe that teaching these GCSEs separately will lead to better outcomes for our students.

We are also changing exam boards from Edexcel to AQA. After extensively researching the way these exams are put together, we are convinced that AQA will be better for our students. Across our Arete Trust, our partner schools are already using AQA and we will be able to access support and guidance from them.

For Year 9 and 10 students, this will mean a minimal change, as most of the content in the two specifications (Edexcel and AQA) overlap.

If you need any further information on these specifications I have copied in the link below

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-language-8700>

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-literature-8702>

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