

# Ysgol Harri Tudur Henry Tudor School

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Learners First Dysgwyr yng Nghyntaf

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

## GCSE English Language Exam November 2024

I would like to inform you that in English we intend to enter the majority of learners for the GCSE English Language exam during this Autumn Term. The exam consists of two 2 hour papers and will take place on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024 (Unit 2)** and on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024 (Unit 3)**.

We hope that by sitting this exam in November it will alleviate some of the exam pressure at the end of Year 11 next year. Learners will sit the GCSE English Literature paper in the Summer Term.

As these are external exams, it is very important that learners attend school on both of these dates. However, if you know that your child will not be in school on these days, I would be grateful if you could let me know using the email below. This will ensure you are not charged for any exams that your child has failed to attend.

Combined, these two written papers are worth 80% of the English Language qualification. Learners have already completed the remaining 20% of the qualification which takes the form of two oracy tasks each worth 10%.

To support exam preparation during lessons, learners will be sitting mock exams in the Main Hall week commencing 30th September, and in class week commencing 7th October.

English teachers will also be setting exam practice tasks on Google Classroom with which learners will be expected to engage leading up to the exams. It is recommended that learners preparing for these exams spend at least 2-3 hours a week on completing exam practice tasks.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's English teacher if you have any questions about these arrangements.

Yours sincerely,

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