



# BELFAST MODEL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

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Dear Parent or Guardian

Your daughter is entering Year 11 and will be under-taking both C.C.E.A. GCSE English Language and English Literature. Over the next two years your daughter will have the following units to complete:

English Language:

Unit 1: Writing for Purpose and Audience and Reading to Access Non-Fiction and Media Texts – examination (30%)

Unit 2: Speaking and Listening – Controlled assessment (20%)

Unit 3: Studying Spoken and Written Language – Controlled assessment (20%)

Unit 4: Personal or Creative Writing and Reading Literary and Non-Fiction Texts – examination (30%)

English Literature:

Unit 1: The Study of Prose – examination (30%)

Unit 2: The Study of Drama and Poetry – examination (50%)

Unit 3: The Study of Shakespeare – Controlled assessment (20%)

## PLEASE NOTE:

Controlled assessments have now replaced the coursework element of GCSE English Language and English Literature. Drafting is now no longer permissible. For controlled assessments pupils MUST submit the very best work of which they are capable.

Controlled assessments will be carried out in school under exam conditions. Pupils will only have one opportunity to sit a controlled assessment. Therefore, absence during the controlled assessment will result in a mark of zero, directly impacting on your daughter's achievement in GCSE English Language.

All work for GCSE English Language and English Literature is on-going and forms the basis of any work done at home. In theory, there is no time during the school year when your daughter has no homework for English Language and English Literature.

If your daughter fails to meet these requirements you will be informed

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your daughter's work in English Language and/ or English Literature, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Yours faithfully

**C Green**

**Leader of Learning: English**

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