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Dear Parent/Carer,

Recently, we have taken the positive decision to move all English classes at Shirebrook Academy to the Eduqas examination board for **English Language**. This decision has been taken after careful consideration and will certainly be of benefit to students in terms of their GCSE grade in Summer 2023. All students remain on the AQA examination board for English Literature and so their texts of study remain unchanged. The Eduqas GCSE carries the same credentials as the AQA version and is accepted by colleges and universities in the same way.

The Eduqas course requires the same reading skills that students have been practising since the start of year 10. However, the format of the questions is different and so part of the transition process is to thoroughly prepare students for this change.

As part of the transition, we are supporting students with additional intervention in order to maximise their chances of achieving a high grade. Additionally, resources to support your child will also be sent home and there are weekly sessions after school on **Mondays** which any child is welcome to attend for extra support. If your child has a tutor, please ensure this change and the resources are communicated to the tutor, as the style of answer required for Eduqas English Language is different to that required by AQA.

If you have further questions regarding the change, please contact Paul Tait, Strategic Director of English for Aston Community Education Trust, via email: paul.tait@astoncetrust.org

Yours faithfully,

Paul Tait

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