**Q: Are English Language and English Literature two separate GCSEs**?

*A: Yes. Students will receive two GCSE grades at the end of the course.*

**Q: Does everyone do both GCSEs?**

*A: Yes, everyone follows both courses.*

**Q: Are there any tiers of entry?**

*A: No, there are no longer any tiers of entry; regardless of ability, everyone does the same exams.*

**Q: How many exams are there?**

*A: There are two exams in English Language and two exams in English Literature. All of these exams take place at the end of Year 11.*

**Q: How are the groups organised at KS4?**

*A: Using teachers’ comments and data from assessments completed during the course of this year – many of which are modelled on AQA GCSE exam tasks - students will be organised into ability groups.*

**Q: What is the exam board?**

*A: We are following the AQA GCSE courses. There are course outlines in the Options Brochure and more detailed information – for both students and parents – is available on the AQA website:* [*www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse*](http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse)

**Q: Do students need to have read any of the Literature set texts before the start of the course?**

*A:**Not least because individual teachers often confirm text choices only once they have got to know a class, there is no necessity for students to read any of the set texts in advance.*

**Q: What can I do to help my child prepare for the GCSE courses?**

*A: A simple answer to this question is: make sure that they’re reading. Encouraging your child to choose books that both challenge and develop their reading skills would be an excellent way of preparing for next year. Taking them to the theatre would also be very useful and productive.*

**Q: Who can I contact if I have any further questions about KS4 English at Comberton?**

*A: Please contact either Miss Hillman (Head of Department) or Mr Shelley (KS4 Coordinator).*