



Ysgol Rhiwabon

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your son/daughter is currently beginning the new GCSE English Language and Literature specification. As part of this new GCSE, they will be assessed in external examinations and internal assessments called NEAs (Non-Examination Assessment). The first of a series of NEAs will be assessed before the October half term holidays and the second will be completed when we return to school in November.

Unit 2 Belonging Task A: Prose Text A Christmas Carol	A written essay, based on a set question, completed across 2 hours.	Preparation during lessons and assessment during week beginning 20th October 2025, across English lessons.
Unit 2 Belonging Task B: Individual Researched Presentation (Oracy)	For Task B, the learners will be required to deliver an individually researched presentation based on the theme of Belonging and linked to their text studied for Task A.	Preparation during lessons and video recording and assessment during the week beginning 24th November 2025.

I am writing to you for your support in encouraging your son/daughter to continue to work independently to revise the set text 'A Christmas Carol' and to prepare for Task A of the NEA by revising preparatory notes completed in English lessons.

For Task B, please support them in researching their chosen topic and work on finalising their presentation. Once this has been completed, they should practise delivering their presentation - without reading it - by learning their speech. They may use flashcards to prompt them.

As a department our priority is to provide your child with the best possible provision in the lead up to this important component of the GCSE. Please can you encourage your child to attend all lessons and be in school during the NEA assessment periods to make sure they are thoroughly prepared for these examinations.

Thank you in advance for your support with this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact the English Department, if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours faithfully,

Ms A. Wild
Curriculum Leader for English

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