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To: All Heads of Department for English

For circulation to: All Teachers of English

GCSE English Language and GCSE English Literature

A range of resources has recently been added to the English suite of support materials.

GCSE English Language

These additional resources are based on the Specimen Assessment Materials (SAMs).

<https://ccea.org.uk/key-stage-4/gcse/subjects/gcse-english-language-2017/support>

Under the ‘Specimen Assessment Materials’ tab, you will find Competence Level 3 and Competence Level 5 responses to Unit 1 and Unit 4.

In conjunction with Newcastle University and Queen’s University, Belfast, a range of spoken language resources has been developed. These resources can be tailored to meet the needs and interests of students as they explore Unit 3 Task 1.

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Resources for Key Stage 3 Spoken Language development can also be accessed at:

<https://ccea.org.uk/learning-resources/spoken-language-tasks-units-1-4>

GCSE English Literature

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Under the ‘Specimen Assessment Materials’ tab, you will find:

- a narrated PowerPoint to support candidates in approaching the Unseen Prose section of Unit 1; and
- six responses to questions from the Unit 2 Poetry.

A ‘Clarification Document’ for Unit 3 is also now available and can be accessed under the ‘General’ tab.

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This document illustrates, through extracts, the characteristics of performance in each Band.

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