

NOTICE TO CENTRES

FAO: Exams Officer/Head of English

Date: 13 September 2012

Subject: GCSE English and English Language – J350/J355

FREE GCSE ENGLISH AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE RESIT IN NOVEMBER 2012

After extended discussion with the regulator, Ofqual, and other awarding organisations, the arrangements for a November resit have been agreed. This is a unique series and some of the JCQ requirements have been changed specifically for this series only.

- This series is for those candidates who certificated in June 2012 only.
- This series is not available for English Literature.
- All units will be available – both examinations and controlled assessment.
- The 2012 controlled assessment tasks will be used.
- The 40% terminal rule will apply.*
- Controlled assessment units can be carried forward or retaken.
- For controlled assessment units which are retaken, portfolios must contain new work only. This means the *task taking* part of the process must be completed. All task preparation and research work and the original notes can be used again. The original response cannot be taken into the task taking session.
- We will send further information regarding the administration of the series to those centres that make final entries.

* We consider that the retention of the terminal rule disadvantages OCR candidates because of the structure of our English Language assessment and we made representations along these lines to Ofqual; these were not accepted.

The following dates apply:

- **17 September** – Basedata will be available on the OCR website
- **4 October** – Final entry deadline
- **5 November** – Controlled assessment marks submission deadline
- **7 November pm** – Exam Units A680/01 and A680/02
- **19 December** – Results issue

The January 2013 series will run as normal.

If you have any queries about this notice, please call our Customer Contact Centre on 01223 553998.