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To: Head of English Department

For circulation to: All teachers of GCE and GCSE English Literature

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## GCE English Literature (Revised Specification)

### Change to wording of question format for A2 Unseen Poetry (AEL21)

Please be advised that the stimulus statement in the Section B: Unseen Poetry question has been removed. Future question formats, from Summer 2019 onwards, will be as follows:

*“In this poem the speaker considers [brief indication of the situation of the poem].  
Analyse the poetic methods used by [name of poet] to explore the thoughts and feelings of the speaker.”*

The Assessment Objectives, AO2 (Analyse ways in which meanings are shaped in literary texts) and AO5 (Explore literary texts informed by different interpretations) remain.

An updated Specification and Specimen Assessment Material booklet has been uploaded to the GCE English Literature microsite.

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### Unit 2: The Study of Drama and Poetry

Please note that Thornton Wilder’s *Our Town* has been added to the list of available plays for study. The prescribed edition is published by Penguin, ISBN 9780141184586.

An updated Specification and Specimen Assessment Material booklet, containing two sample questions for this play, has been uploaded to the GCSE English Literature microsite.

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