

## **FAQs: Transition to Pearson Edexcel iGCSE English (Linear) with Component 3 Coursework**

### **1. Why is the school switching from the modular route to the linear route?**

The linear route allows students to complete Component 3: Coursework (NEA), giving them an opportunity to demonstrate skills through teacher-assessed assignments rather than relying solely on exams. This provides a more balanced representation of a student's ability.

### **2. What is Component 3 (Coursework/NEA)?**

Component 3 consists of written coursework assignments for literature and language completed under supervised conditions within the classroom. These count toward the final iGCSE English Language grade.

### **3. Will previous modular assessments still count?**

No. When switching to the linear course, the final grade is based only on the linear assessment components, including coursework and the final exam. This has no negative effect as students have not yet sat any modular exams for English.

### **4. What benefits does the coursework route offer?**

The coursework route supports extended writing, research, and creativity and allows students to produce their best work over time rather than under exam pressure.

### **5. Will the change affect the difficulty or level of the qualification?**

No. Both routes lead to the same Pearson Edexcel iGCSE qualification with the same standards and grade boundaries.

### **6. How will coursework be supervised and authenticated?**

All coursework is completed under teacher supervision to ensure authenticity. Students may draft and revise with guidance, but teachers cannot edit or correct final versions.

### **7. How will the school ensure fairness in marking?**

Coursework is internally marked by English teachers and externally moderated by Pearson Edexcel to ensure fairness and consistency.

### **8. What role will parents play during the coursework process?**

Parents can support time management and good study habits but must not assist with the content of the coursework. All work must be the student's own.

### **9. How does this change affect the exam load in Year 11?**

Students taking the coursework route have one less exam component to sit, reducing pressure during the examination season.

## **10. What happens if a student struggles with the coursework?**

Teachers will provide structured support, timelines, and guidance. Students who keep to deadlines and attend support sessions usually perform well.