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Dear Head of Drama

Changes to GCE Unit 4 (6DR04) Exam paper

I am writing to tell you about an important change to the 6DR04 exam paper. Enclosed is a version of the 2011 exam paper with the change made. You can use this new layout for any mock exams you set. You can download more copies from the GCE Drama website www.edexcel.com/gcedrama.

What are the changes?

We have made a significant alteration to the layout of Section A following feedback from the Summer 2011 exam. This change will take place from the May 2012 series of examinations.

Section A will now be set out like Section B, with all of the questions on the first two pages and space for responses set out on the following pages.

Please note that the three questions for Section A *may* run over two pages – as they do in the 2011 example – it would be worth emphasising this to your students so they do not answer a question about a text they have not studied.

You will notice that there is additional space for a) and b) and c) compared to previous series. It is not anticipated, however, that candidates will need to use all of the available space in this section in order to be able to access the higher bands of marks. As a general rule of thumb for candidates should be writing around:

- one side for a)
- two sides for b)
- three sides for c)

For Section B and Section C, it is anticipated that candidates scoring in the Level 4 or Level 5 areas should be aiming to use all of the available space, depending, of course, on size of handwriting.

Mark scheme and Examiner Report

We recommend that you use the new 6DR04 layout with the mark scheme and examiner report for June 2011. Both of these can be found on the GCE Drama website www.edexcel.com/drama

Yours faithfully

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