

NOTICE TO CENTRES – JUNE 2012 EXAMINATION SERIES

GCSE Drama - Unit 2 – 5DR02 – Off Text Work

We understand there has been some confusion regarding the “Off text work” in Unit 2 – 5DR02. We hope this communication will support centres to comply with the specification requirements from June 2012 exam series and onwards.

In Unit 2 – 5DR02, centres are reminded that all assessed practical work must explore the centre chosen play text. Off text work, practical drama exercises that do not use the words of the play, but enable students to explore the play text as published, is valid. The aim of this type of work must always be to enable students to gain an understanding of the play text itself.

Devised work using the play text as a stimulus does not comply with specification requirements. Centres must ensure that students do not devise additional scenes or create alternative endings to the play text during their six hour assessment.

For this series only, centres which have already undertaken their Unit 2 six hour assessment and included work which does not meet specification requirements, may discount any marks in these sessions and assess students in further sessions which are in line with the requirements of the specification. These additional sessions can be undertaken for this series only, even where this means that all sessions are not completed within the six hour practical sessions.

Centres may advise students to re-visit their documentary evidence work to ensure that all work presented is concerned with exploration of the play text itself. All decisions regarding amending of work to comply with this requirement must be taken by the students. Centres are reminded that all ‘Controlled Conditions’ requirements must be adhered to.

Centres must ensure that all work in future series complies with the requirements of the specification.