

GCSE English Revision Advice

Dear Year 11 Parent/Carer

With the GCSE English exams just around the corner, I thought I'd take this opportunity to outline the details of these exams and how you can support your child with their final preparations. Your child is sitting four exams for two separate English GCSEs: AQA **English Language** and AQA **English Literature**. The dates and content of these exams are outlined as follows:

Date	GCSE	Section A	Section B
Wednesday 18th May, am	English Language	Reading Fiction	Writing Fiction- descriptive or narrative
Wednesday 25th May, am	English Literature	C19th Novel - A Christmas Carol	Power and Conflict Poetry
Wednesday 8th June, am	English Literature	Macbeth	Unseen Poetry
Friday 10th June, am	English Language	Reading Non-Fiction- auto biographical	Writing Non-Fiction- news article

These are all untiered, closed-book exams which means that all pupils have the same experience and will also need to spend time learning quotations for relevant texts they have studied. It is especially important that pupils read each task carefully and spend time planning their work. All pupils have been provided with revision resources for each exam and should be spending time completing the following activities as directed by their class teachers as part of their exam preparation:

English Language	English Literature
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Memorise the requirements for each question (including timings) from your GCSE knowledge organisers and the notes you have been given in class ✓ Complete the homework tasks your teacher has assigned you ✓ Complete as many AQA past papers as you can ✓ Practice reading (and highlighting) unseen material from AQA past papers including short fiction, articles and short C19th texts ✓ Make flashcards using information in your exercise books and use 'look cover check' to commit these to memory - homework tasks have supported this over the past two years ✓ Create flashcards ✓ Attend after school revision on Thursdays or via Google Meets ✓ Watch Mr Bruff on youtube ✓ In the exam ensure you read the question carefully and highlight what they are actually asking you. ✓ Use all materials on Google Classroom 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Learn the plot, methods, context and key terminology for each text on the knowledge organisers ✓ Create flashcards for each of your Literature texts including at least 10 short and memorable quotations and commit these to memory. ✓ Use flashcards to revise key characters, themes and context for Macbeth and the C19th Novel (A Christmas Carol) ✓ Complete AQA Practice Papers shared on the website ✓ Create flashcards, mind maps, round the house post-it notes using CGP Revision Guides (if purchased) ✓ Make flashcards using information in your exercise books and use 'look cover check' to commit to memory ✓ Use a friend or family member to test you on your knowledge and showcase your understanding. ✓ Complete Seneca revision quizzes ✓ Read and re-read the texts! ✓ Use revision material on Google Classroom ✓ Watch Mr Bruff on youtube ✓ In the exam ensure you answer/ address the question that is being asked - make close reference to the question throughout your response. ✓ Attend revision sessions after school on Thursdays or via Google Meets





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We would greatly appreciate any encouragement and support you can provide your child at this time. And, last of all, I wish them every success in their English exams. We have every confidence in your child - we are expecting them to strut into the exam hall feeling positive with a head full of knowledge and understanding ready to showcase their knowledge.

Your Faithfully

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