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GCSE English

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All students will take two GCSEs in English:

- 100% exam (untiered)
- Skills are transferable between both subjects

English
LANGUAGE

English
LITERATURE





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English LANGUAGE

Paper 1: FICTION

1hr 45

50%

Explorations in Creative
Reading and Writing

Paper 2: NON-FICTION

1hr 45

50%

Writers' Viewpoints and
Perspectives

Section A: Reading

- Range of unseen texts from 19th, 20th, 21st Century

Section B: Writing

- SPaG = 20%

Spoken Language

- Separate endorsement
- Pass/Merit/Distinction



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English LITERATURE

Paper 1

1hr 45

40%

- A) Macbeth
- B) Jekyll & Hyde, The Sign of Four or A Christmas Carol

Paper 2

2hr 15

60%

- A) An Inspector Calls
- B) Poetry Anthology
- C) Unseen Poetry

- Challenging texts (novels, plays and poetry)
- Closed book exams
- Unseen poems
- Extract → whole text analysis
- Characters, themes, setting, context
- Terminology

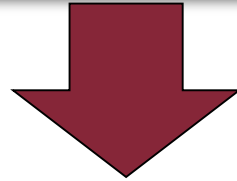


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All take the same route

Terminal Entry



Both GCSEs (four exams)
taken in Summer of Year 11



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Study Guides

Revision Guides will be made available via ParentPay for all students entered For GCSE English Literature in Year 10:

TEXT	Revision Guide	+ Workbook
Macbeth / Romeo and Juliet	£2.75 (RRP £5.95)	£2.75 (RRP £5.95)
A Christmas Carol	£2.75 (RRP £5.95)	£2.75 (RRP £5.95)
The Sign of Four	£2.75 (RRP £5.95)	£2.75 (RRP £5.95)
An Inspector Calls	£2.75 (RRP £5.95)	£2.75 (RRP £5.95)
Power and Conflict Poetry	£2.75 (RRP £5.95)	£2.75 (RRP £5.95)
Unseen Poetry	£2.75 (RRP £5.95)	£2.75 (RRP £5.95)

Recommended

Optional Extra



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Study Guides

Revision Guides will be made available via ParentPay for all students entered For GCSE English Language in Year 10:

TEXT	Revision Guide	+ Workbook
English Language Revision Guide 9-1	£2.75 (RRP £5.95)	£2.75 (RRP £5.95)
English Language Revision Guide 5-1	£2.75 (RRP £5.95)	£2.75 (RRP £5.95)

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How do we help students prepare for the exams?

- 9 fortnightly lessons focusing on core knowledge and skills
- Walking Talking Mocks
- Mock exams in Winter and Spring, mini assessments throughout
- Intervention sessions for those at risk of underperforming
- Thursday after school revision sessions 3.15 – 4.15
- Optional Easter and Whitsun revision days
- Revision materials and recommended study guides



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How can you help students prepare for the exams?

- Encourage students to read, read, **READ!**
- Discuss texts and newspaper articles at home
- Purchase Revision Guides and Workbooks
- Sign up for Easter/Whitsun Revision Days
- Equipment (pens, glue sticks and highlighters)
- Purchase core texts for annotation and highlighting:
 - Macbeth
 - Jekyll & Hyde or A Christmas Carol
 - An Inspector Calls





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How can students prepare for the exams?

- Create revision resources: mind maps, storyboards, cue cards
- Use revision guides and workbooks
- Use class notes, practice papers and revision materials
- Attend additional revision sessions
- Watch relevant stage or film version of core texts
- Use FREE online revision resources (Mr Bruff on Youtube)
- BBC Bitesize: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/>
- Read, read, **READ!**

