

English Exams

Our exam board is AQA for both English language and English literature.

GCSE English Literature – 2 Exams

Paper 1: Shakespeare and 19th Century Novel (40% of total grade)

Section A: Shakespeare play: 'Macbeth'. Answer one question on the play you have studied. They will be required to write in detail about an extract from the play and about the play as a whole. **[34 marks]**

Done at the end of Yr9 and Yr10.

Section B: The 19th century novel: 'A Christmas Carol'. They will be required to write in detail about an extract from the novel and about the novel as a whole. **[30 marks]**

Done in HT1 Yr11.

Paper 2: Modern Texts and Poetry

2 hours and 15 mins (60 % of total grade)

Section A: Modern text: 'Animal Farm'. Students will answer one essay question from a choice of two. **[34 marks]**

Done in HT1 Yr10

Section B: The Poetry Anthology: Power and Conflict. Students will answer one comparative question on one named poem printed on the paper and one other poem from their chosen anthology cluster. **[30 marks]**

Done in HT4-5 Yr10

Section C: Unseen Poetry: Two questions. Students will answer one question on one unseen poem and one question comparing this poem with a second unseen poem. **[32 marks]**

Done in HT4-5 Yr10

GCSE English Language – 2 Exams

English Language Paper 1: Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing

1 hour and 45 minutes (80 marks 50% of total grade)

Section A: Reading comprehension of one literature text. **[40 marks]**

Done in HT1 Yr10

Section B: One writing task: descriptive or narrative. **[24 content + 16 SPaG]**

Done in HT1 Yr10

Paper 2: Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives

1 hour and 45 mins (80 Marks 50 % of total grade)

Section A: Reading comprehension and comparison of two literary non-fiction texts. **[40 marks]**

Done in HT3 Yr10

Section B: One writing task: present a viewpoint in whatever form you are asked (essay, letter, article, leaflet, speech). **[24 content + 16 SPaG]**

Done in HT3-4 Yr10

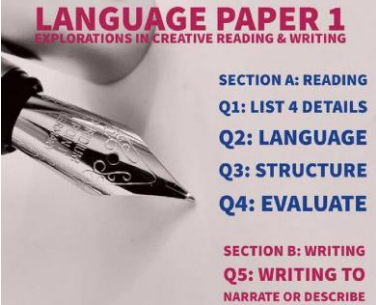
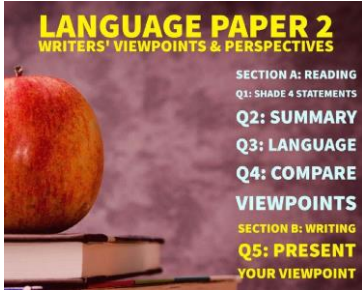
Useful revision websites

- ⇒ <http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-language-8700/assessment-resources>
- ⇒ <https://www.sparknotes.com>
- ⇒ <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zcbchv4>

⇒ <https://senecalearning.com/en-GB>

What is on the English Language and Literature Exams?

English Language

<u>Language Paper 1</u>	<u>Language Paper 2</u>
One fiction text and Fiction creative writing	2 Non-fiction Texts from different time periods and non-fiction creative writing
	

English Literature

<u>Literature Paper 1</u>	<u>Literature Paper 2</u>
<p>‘Macbeth’ One question either on character or theme: How is (character or theme) presented in this extract, and in the rest of the play?</p> <p>‘A Christmas Carol’ One question either on character or theme: How is (character or theme) presented in this extract, and in the rest of the novel?</p>	<p>Animal Farm Questions focus on: Choice of two questions, usually one on theme and another on character</p> <p>Power and Conflict Poetry Poetry Comparison: One named poem and one of your choice Questions focus on: How is (theme) presented in this poem and one other of your choice?</p> <p>Unseen Poetry Questions focus on: How is (theme) presented in this poem? How do the writers use methods to present (theme) in these two poems</p>

How can I help my child revise for English?

1. Develop a regular revision routine.
2. Ensure your child has all the resources they need ex: revision guides in the different topic areas.
3. Check Cover to Cover set by Classroom teachers on Goggle Classroom is completed.
4. Help plan their time by creating a revision timetable.
5. Talk to your child about the texts they are studying.
6. Test them on: quotes, plot characters, theme. Use flash cards, notes or revision guides.
7. Encourage practice, practice, practice.