



Supporting your child through their English GCSEs



The GCSE English Literature Exams

Paper	Focus	Length	Date
1	Shakespeare and C19th novel	1 hr 45 mins	13th May
2	An Inspector Calls and Poetry (Anthology and unseen)	2 hrs 15 mins	20th May

The GCSE English Language Exams

Paper	Focus	Length	Date
1	Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing	1 hr 45 mins	23rd May 2024
2	Writer's Viewpoints and Perspectives	1 hr 45 mins	6th June 2024

Useful websites:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zcbchv4>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zxqncwx>

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-key-stage/key-stage-4/subjects/english>

<https://www.youtube.com/user/mrbruff>

<https://www.sparknotes.com/shakespeare/>

<https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/english-revision/gcse-aqa/>

Revision Sessions



Individual class teachers have their own revision sessions for their class- please check with them when they are on.

Drop in English Literature revision takes place after school on Tuesdays in A13. (3.30-4.30)

Supporting with Revision

Revision is vital for all students but it can lead to a great deal of stress and anxiety. We've included some tips below for parents:

- Encourage your child to start revision early.
- Encourage your child to be organised and use a revision timetable. Plan in advance which specific elements they are going to revise.
- Creating flash cards that summarise a key text (characters/plot/themes) can be effective in memorising key quotes for Literature
- Encourage your child to use a revision guide or website link to support their revision
- Check that they complete their homework. Their homework will usually consist of completing exam questions or revising key quotes/texts
- Your child needs to memorise many quotes, get them to write different quotes on post-it notes and then stick them around the house.
- Get them to look back through their exercise book to any feedback that their teacher has given them- this is where they will find the most personalised support in terms of specific areas that they need to work on
- Their book will also contain model responses- these are really important so that students understand how to structure their paragraphs to maximize the marks they achieve