

**English- Exam Board: AQA**

**Subject Overview (coursework/exam split, timings, weightings etc.):**

GCSE English Language Paper 1 – 1hr 45 mins (50% of subject award)

GCSE English Language Paper 2 – 1hr 45 mins (50% of subject award)

GCSE English Literature Paper 1 – 1hr 45 mins (40% of subject award)

GCSE English Literature Paper 2 – 2hr 15 mins (60% of subject award)

**Key Topics:**

GCSE English Language Paper 1:

Section A – Four questions on a fiction extract

Section B – Either descriptive OR narrative writing

GCSE English Language Paper 2:

Section A – Four questions on two non-fiction extracts

Section B – Writing to express a viewpoint (persuade, argue, explain, advise, etc.) in a letter/article/speech format etc.

GCSE English Literature Paper 1:

Section A – Romeo and Juliet

Section B – A Christmas Carol OR Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde

GCSE English Literature Paper 2:

Section A – An Inspector Calls

Section B – Poetry Anthology comparison

Section C – Unseen Poetry analysis and comparison

**Useful websites:**

[genius.com](http://genius.com)

[yorknotes.com](http://yorknotes.com)

[bbc.com/bitesize](http://bbc.com/bitesize)

[studywise.co.uk](http://studywise.co.uk)

[s-cool.co.uk](http://s-cool.co.uk)

[aqa.org.uk](http://aqa.org.uk)

Rainford Connect – English area

**Useful resources:**

CGP revision guides:

Romeo and Juliet

A Christmas Carol

Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde

An Inspector Calls



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Poetry Anthology (Power and Conflict)  
Unseen Poetry Analysis/Comparison  
English Language

**Useful revision tips:**

Self-testing strategies

Mind-map characters, themes, contexts and essay structures

Create a glossary of linguistic and literary terminology

Read non-fiction texts (articles, etc.) and create a list of questions to explore them

Summarise the narrative of texts by creating storyboards, timelines, etc.

Create character profiles

Create mnemonics for characters and key quotations

Transform quotations into songs

PiXL Lit App