

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, etc.) in a letter, article or speech format

GCSE English Literature Paper 1:

Section A – *Romeo and Juliet*

Section B – *A Christmas Carol*

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
- yorknotes.com
- bbc.com/bitesize
- studywise.co.uk
- aqa.org.uk
- Google Classroom

Useful resources:

CGP revision guides:

- *Romeo and Juliet*
- *A Christmas Carol*
- *An Inspector Calls*
- Poetry Anthology (*Power and Conflict*)
- Unseen Poetry Analysis/Comparison
- English Language

Useful revision tips:

- Create flashcards and self-test understanding
- Mind-map characters, themes, contexts and essay structures
- Create a glossary of linguistic and literary terminology
- Read non-fiction texts (articles, biographies, 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
- Complete past papers (these can be found on Google Classroom)