

*BQLC English Department*

GCSE English Language and Literature

# Exam Success in English



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# GCSE English Language and Literature



## GCSE English Language Paper 1

Fiction

Creative writing

80 marks available

50% GCSE English Language grade

## GCSE English Language Paper 2

Non-fiction

Transactional writing

80 marks available

50% GCSE English Language grade

## GCSE English Literature Paper 1

‘Macbeth’ and ‘A Christmas Carol’

64 marks available

40% GCSE English Literature grade

## GCSE English Literature Paper 2

‘Animal Farm’, Power and Conflict poetry  
and unseen poetry

96 marks available

60% GCSE English Literature grade.

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## **Key Dates:**

Mini Unseen Poetry assessment - w/b 23rd January 2023 (Now completed and being marked and moderated.)

Spoken Language exam - w/b 6th February 2023 (Ongoing.)

English Literature Poetry mock exam - w/b 13th March 2023 (Both poetry sections from the Literature Paper 2.)

## **Exam Dates:**

GCSE Literature Paper 1 - Shakespeare and the 19th century novel (1h 45m) 17 May 2023

GCSE Literature Paper 2 - Modern texts and poetry (2h 15m) 24 May 2023

GCSE Language Paper 1 - Explorations in creative reading and writing (1h 45m) 5 June 2023

GCSE Language Paper 2 - Writers' viewpoints and perspectives (1h 45m) 12 June 2023

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## **How We Are Preparing Your Child:**

Quality First Teaching

Vocabulary

Do It Nows

Extended Writing

PLCs

Homework

Assessments, Marking and Feedback

Google Classroom

Student Support Drives

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0AMFy2-jQaNIGUk9PVA>

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0AMNc8fpMwWlpUk9PVA>

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## Top Tips for Parents:

- Make sure their children are exposed to a range of texts: reading for pleasure, and newspaper articles in particular.
- Discuss what your child is reading, and discuss topical events - build understanding of the world, and how to convey ideas.
- Ask them to explain their knowledge organisers or make flashcards - ensure they know how each exam paper is structured. Quiz them on their texts and ask them to explain to you how they will structure questions in their exam.
- Documentaries are brilliant for revision. When revising something like *Animal Farm* for Literature, watch some good documentaries on George Orwell to give them that extra boost.
- Learning together in this way is really good for keeping students interested and engaged.
- Don't be shy about asking their teachers for advice on what to cover with them at home.

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How to use Seneca - a free, online learning platform.

<https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/>

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Useful online resources:

[Drive](#)

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

<https://www.youtube.com/@MrsWhelansEnglish>

<https://www.youtube.com/@MrSallesTeachesEnglish>

<https://www.litcharts.com>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zr9d7ty>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zckw2hv>

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

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Any questions?