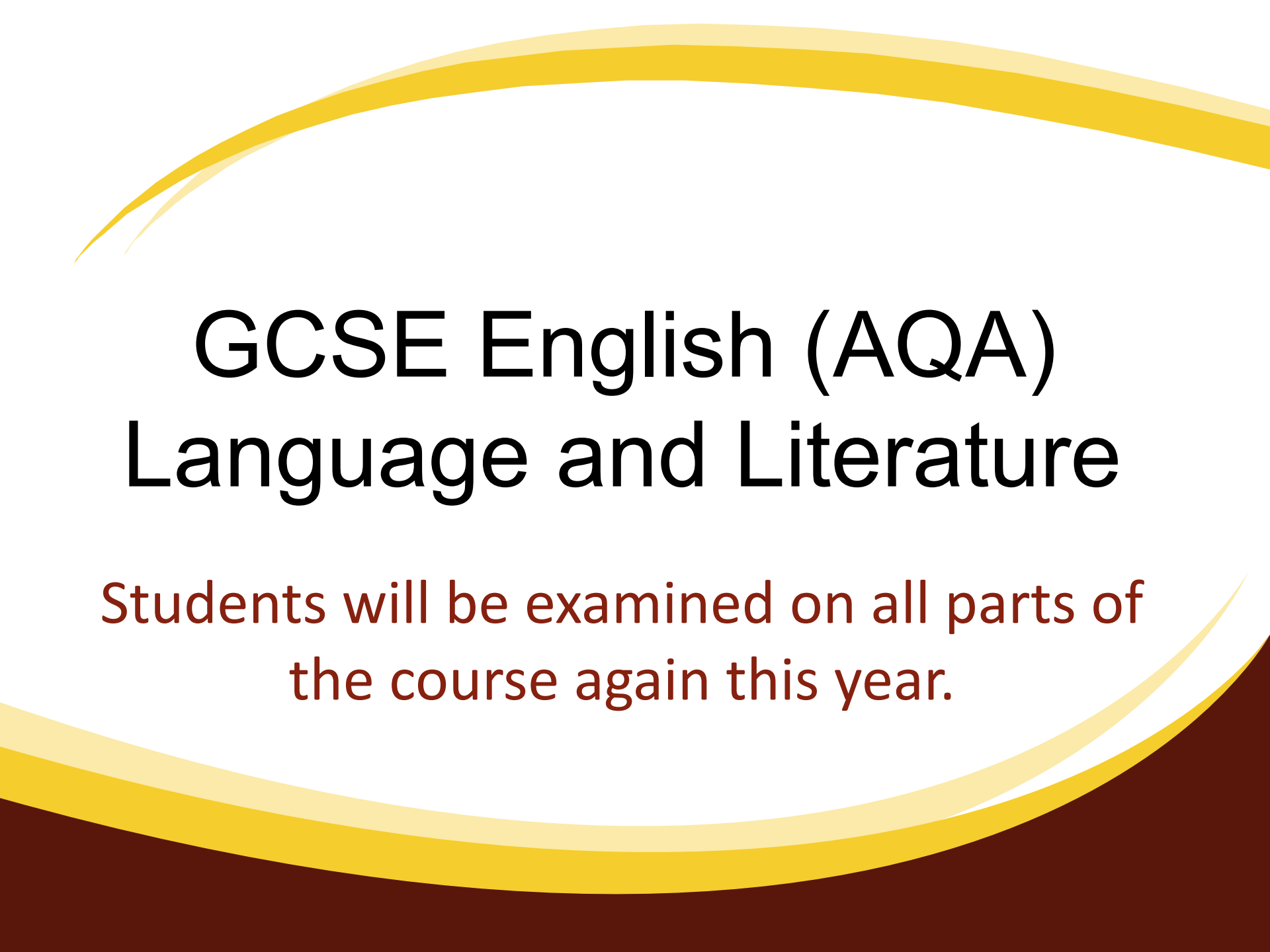




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# GCSE English (AQA) Language and Literature

Students will be examined on all parts of  
the course again this year.

# **100% Exam One Tier**

- 1 GCSE English Language**
- 1 GCSE English Literature**

# English Language

- 2 papers

**Paper 1 (1 hour 45 mins):**

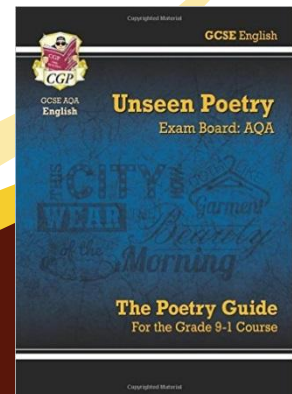
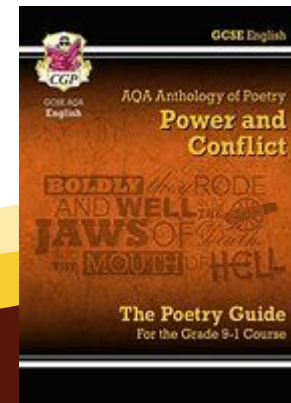
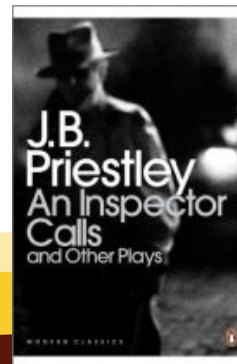
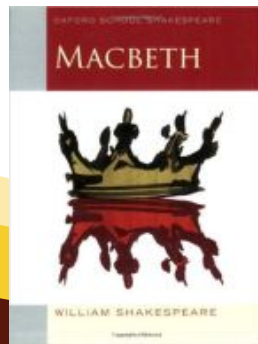
- Reading and writing fiction. One text of modern fiction.

**Paper 2 (1 hour 45mins):**

- Reading and writing non-fiction. Two texts, one modern, one 19th century non-fiction

# English Literature

- 2 exam papers. All exams are closed book. All answers are extended essay writing.
- Paper 1 (1 hour 45 mins): Shakespeare (Macbeth), 19th Century novel (A Christmas Carol).
- Paper 2 (2 hours 15 mins): Modern play (An Inspector Calls), Anthology poetry (power & conflict), Unseen poetry
- We will have covered all content by 26th September and lessons will be cycle of rolling revision.



# Revision Resources

- Revision sessions held every Thursday after school 3:20-4:00pm
- Knowledge organisers (links on the GCSE revision page).
- All homework is revision of language a literature skills and knowledge.
- Revision guides – CGP are the best.
- Websites- BBC Bitesize, Spark Notes (especially ‘No fear Shakespeare’), videos from Mr Bruff, Mrs Whelan and Mr Everything English are extremely helpful for both language and literature.
- Reading the news really helps generate ideas for non-fiction writing. Download any news app and read at least twice a week.
- Students should make flash cards for literature texts- we will show them how to do this in lessons.

# Example of Flash Cards

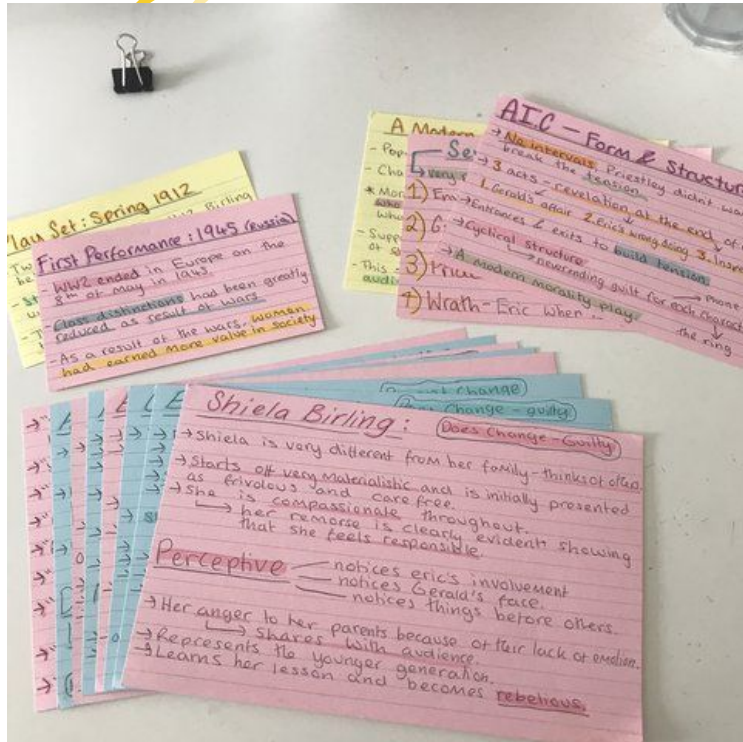
*On the front:*

“We are members of one body.”

- Character
- Act
- Theme(s)
- Playwright’s message

*On the back:*

- The Inspector
- Act 3
- Socialism vs capitalism & Responsibility
- Wants audience to adopt socialist attitudes of looking after all in society



# What can you do to help?

- Talk to your child about what they been doing in lesson-ask them about the texts they're studying.
- Ask them to tell you 'one thing I won't know' about the text they're studying.
- Support them in making flashcards and test them.
- Encourage reading or listening to audio books (available from the library).
- Watch the news with them, send them news articles.