### Year 11

Revising for English Language and English Literature



## What is GCSE English Language?

Paper 1 – Creative Reading and Writing		Paper 2 – Viewpoints and Opinions	
Section A: Reading	Section B: Writing	Section A: Reading	Section B: Writing
One literary fiction text 4 questions	Descriptive or narrative writing  1 question	One non-fiction and one literary non-fiction text 4 questions	Writing to present a viewpoint  1 question
1 hour 25%	45 mins 25%	1 hour 25%	45 mins 25%

### Key Skills:

- Reading critically
- Writing creatively
  - Writing opinion and adapting for audience and purpose



## What is GCSE English Literature?

Paper 1 – Shakespeare & 19 <sup>th</sup> C Novel	Paper 2 – Modern texts & Poetry	
<ul> <li>Section A: Shakespeare play - Macbeth</li> <li>1 question - extract + whole text</li> <li>1 hour / 20%</li> </ul>	Section A: Modern Texts (Lord of the Flies / An Inspector Calls)  1 question — extract + whole text  45 mins / 20%	
Section B: 19 <sup>th</sup> C Novel (Jekyll and Hyde/ A Christmas Carol)  • 1 question – extract + whole text	<b>Section B</b> : <b>Poetry</b> (AQA anthology – love and relationships)	
• 45 mins / 20%	<ul><li>1 comparative question</li><li>45 mins / 20%</li></ul>	
	<ul><li>Section C: Unseen Poetry</li><li>2 questions</li><li>45 mins / 20%</li></ul>	

### Key Skills:

- Writing clear arguments
- Understanding how the writer constructs and builds a text
- How a text reflects their views and historic context



## What can I do to support my child?

- Dispel the misconception that you can't revise for English;
- Get them to talk through what the courses entail and the format of the exams;
- Encourage independent reading: fiction, non-fiction and literary non-fiction;
- Test them on key quotations from their Literature examination texts (flashcards);
- Encourage them to make revision notes, flash cards and mind maps of themes, characters, context and setting in literature exam texts;
- Buy AQA Snap revision guides and encourage them to use them to support and extend their learning;
- Visit sites like BBC Bitesize and Mr Bruff to help with revising content and skills;
- Encourage them to get into good habits with proof reading their writing ensure technical accuracy (VSPAG).

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## What are we doing to support your child?

- 1. Revision Sessions after school:
  - 1. Week 1 Thursday English Literature
  - 2. Week 2 Monday English Language
- 2. Intervention Classes with Mrs Scott, Miss Thomas and Mrs James
- 3. English Tutor Groups with Miss Thirlwell, Miss Robinson and Mrs James

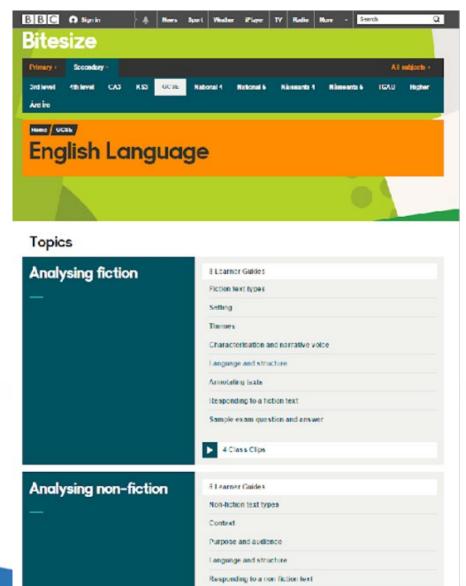


# Faculty structures to improve the depth of written responses and planning

- 1. **PETAZL** for Literature a framework for developing essay paragraphs
- 2. Golden Paragraph six point way to develop descriptive writing
- 3. Planning Pyramid for structuring stories
- 4. 5 point plan and persona for opinion writing



### Further resources / information



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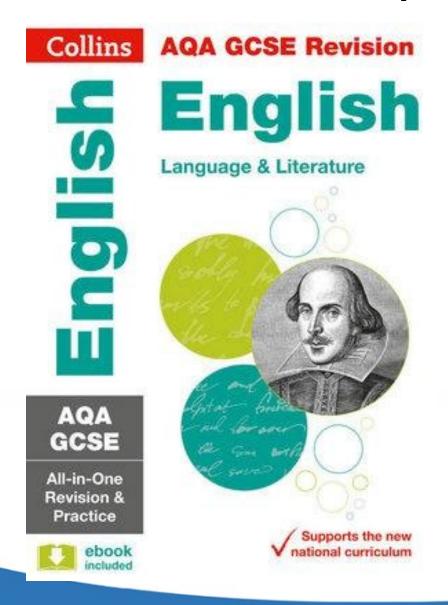
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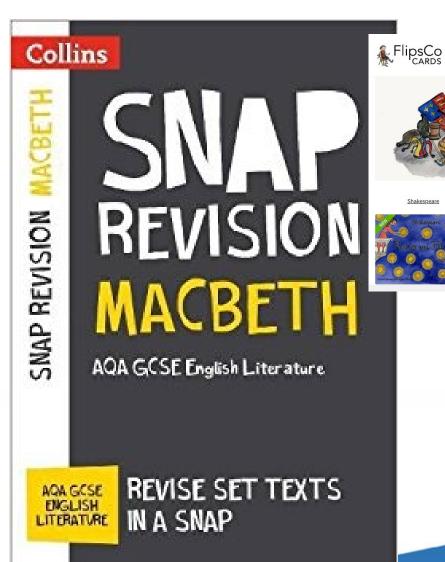


#### Teaching resources



### **Further resources / information**







### **Important Exam Dates**

- 13 May 2020 GCSE English Literature Paper 1
- 21 May 2020 GCSE English Literature Paper 2
- 2 June 2020 GCSE English Language Paper 1
- 5 June 2020 GCSE English Language Paper 2

