

Year 11

Revising for  
English Language and English Literature



# What is GCSE English Language?

| <b>Paper 1 – Creative Reading and Writing</b> |  | <b>Paper 2 – Viewpoints and Opinions</b>                             |  |
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| Section A: Reading                            | Section B: Writing                                 | Section A: Reading   | Section B: Writing                               |
| One literary fiction text<br><br>4 questions  | Descriptive or narrative writing<br><br>1 question | One non-fiction and one literary non-fiction text<br><br>4 questions | Writing to present a viewpoint<br><br>1 question |
| 1 hour<br>25%                                 | 45 mins<br>25%                                     | 1 hour<br>25%  | 45 mins<br>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   |
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| <p><b>Section A: Shakespeare play - <i>Macbeth</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 question – extract + whole text</li> <li>• 1 hour / 20%</li> </ul>   | <p><b>Section A: Modern Texts (<i>Lord of the Flies</i> / <i>An Inspector Calls</i>)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 question – extract + whole text</li> <li>• 45 mins / 20%</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Section B: 19<sup>th</sup> C Novel (<i>Jekyll and Hyde</i>/ <i>A Christmas Carol</i>)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 question – extract + whole text</li> <li>• 45 mins / 20%</li> </ul> | <p><b>Section B: Poetry</b> (AQA anthology – love and relationships)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 comparative question</li> <li>• 45 mins / 20%</li> </ul>                                |
|  | <p><b>Section C: Unseen Poetry</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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 to ensure **technical accuracy** (VSPAG).



# 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

The screenshot shows the BBC Bitesize website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'BBC' and 'Sign in' on the left, and 'News', 'Sport', 'Weather', 'iPlayer', 'TV', 'Radio', and 'More' on the right. Below this is a search bar. The main header is 'Bitesize' in large green letters. Underneath, there are tabs for 'Primary' and 'Secondary', with 'All subjects' on the right. A secondary navigation bar lists levels: '2nd level', '1st level', 'L3', 'KS2', 'GCSE', 'National 4', 'National 5', 'Nilewants 1', 'Nilewants 5', 'IGAU', and 'Higher'. Below this is an orange banner with 'Home / GCSE' and 'English Language' in large white text.

## Topics

### Analysing fiction

8 Learner Guides

Fiction text types

Setting

Themes

Characterisation and narrative voice

Language and structure

Annotating texts

Responding to a fiction text

Sample exam question and answer

4 Class Clips

### Analysing non-fiction

8 Learner Guides

Non-fiction text types

Context

Purpose and audience

Language and structure

Responding to a non-fiction text

Subjects / English / GCSE / English Language (8700)

## GCSE English Language

Teaching from: September 2015

Expires from: June 2017

Specification code: 8700

QAN code: 601/4202/3

Our specification is designed to inspire and motivate your students, providing appropriate stretch and challenge whilst ensuring that the assessment and texts are, as far as possible, accessible to all students.

It enables your students to develop the skills they need to read, understand and analyse a wide range of different texts and write clearly.

We've developed two equally-valued papers, each assessing reading and writing in an integrated way.

[Specification >](#)

[Specification at a glance >](#)

[Specimen papers and mark schemes >](#)



[Download specification](#)

## Teaching resources

Plan

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Prepare for your teaching year. Information, support and services to help you deliver the specification.

[All planning resources >](#)

Teach

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Teaching resources that you can use to plan your lessons and support your students' learning.

[All teaching resources >](#)

Assess

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Prepare your students for assessment. Specimen and past papers, mark schemes, example answers.

[All assessment resources >](#)

# Further resources / information

**Collins** **AQA GCSE Revision**

# English

## English

Language & Literature

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**Collins**

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19th Century Prose **NEW** Robert Louis Stevenson The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde

Modern texts **NEW** Willy Russell Blood Brothers

Poetry Power and Conflict Poetry





# 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

