

GCSE English Literature

What can you do to improve?

What do I need to do to revise?

Paper 1: Shakespeare and the 19th century novel

Written exam: 1 hour and 45 minutes

64 marks

40% of GCSE

This is a **CLOSED BOOK** exam. Students **WILL NOT** be allowed to take any of their texts into the exam.

- Read and revise 'Macbeth'.
- Read and revise 'A Christmas Carol'.

Paper 2: Modern texts and poetry

Written exam: 2 hours and 15 minutes

96 marks








60% of GCSE

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- Read and revise 'Inspector Calls'.
- Read and revise all poems in the Love and Relationships section of the poetry anthology.
- Use the poems from the conflict section to have a go at the unseen poetry section of this exam (and don't forget unseen poetry comparison).

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Resource	Study Skill	What to do
Exercise books		Your GCSE exercise books and booklets have all your work and notes from the last two years. Now is the time to go back and read them carefully, focusing on your strengths and weaknesses.
Revision guides and work books		CGP guides are available for most of the texts we have studied, read these carefully and have a go at the exam style questions.
Practice papers		You will find past papers on the AQA website here: www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english There are plenty there.
GCSEPod		Log in to GCSEPod and use the podcasts to review your understanding.
Past papers		Look back over any previous pieces of writing you have done – assessments, mocks, practice plans, practice paragraphs – and look at your feedback. Can you rewrite any sections to improve.
MASSOLIT		MASSOLIT is a website that has English literature lectures. Only watch them if you want to really challenge yourself. Go to www.massolit.io Use your school email to sign up and have an explore.
Other resources		Search YouTube for Mr Bruff and MissHannaLovesGamma Look on BBC BiteSize Digital Theatre Plus: www.digitaltheatreplus.com Login Northgate Student Password northgate121

How can parents help?

Check that your son/daughter is making full use of all the resources and support available. Please encourage them to do the following:

- Make full use of class time and teacher expertise.
- Read their three key texts ('Macbeth', 'A Christmas Carol' and 'An Inspector Calls') as well as the poetry anthology, carefully and regularly.
- Use their GCSE exercise books to revise facts, key terminology and writing strategies.
- Continually review and revise key quotations for every area of the examinations.
- Draw up a realistic revision timetable and stick to it.

Check that your son/daughter is using effective revision strategies.

Key tips for revising for the English Literature exam are:

- Regular self testing. Look – say – cover – write – check quotations.
- Mind map key areas of the texts and poems including the themes, issues, characters and context.
- Ask your child to explain the plotline of each story to you – ask them questions and test their knowledge.
- Re read the texts.

Please encourage your son/daughter to:

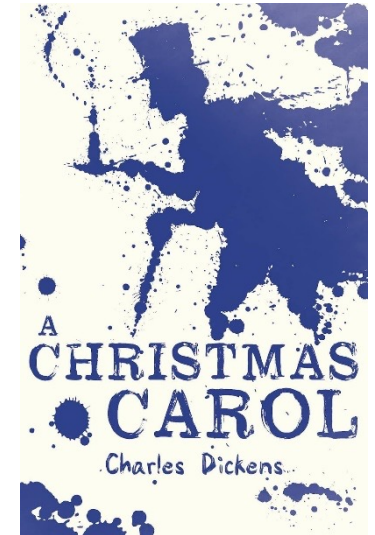
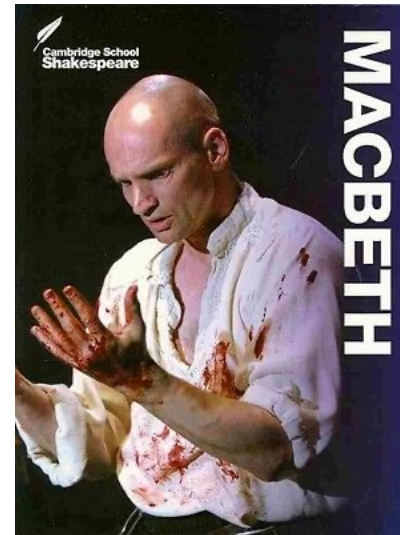
- Know and apply correct SPaG to their writing
- Vary their revision for interest and effectiveness.
- Identify their weaknesses and work on addressing them.
- Eat healthily, get rest, sleep well and take time off too.

Further advice and support is available on the parents section of the school website.

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Advice for Effective Revision