

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.
- Keep read their three key texts ('Macbeth', 'A Christmas Carol' and 'An Inspector Calls') as well as the Love and Relationships poetry anthology, carefully and regularly.
- Use their GCSE exercise books to revise ideas, key terminology and writing strategies.
- Continually review and revise key quotations for every area of the examinations. Keep learning the analysis that goes with them.
- Revise why an author presents a character and/or theme in the way that they do.
- 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.

Please encourage your son/daughter to:

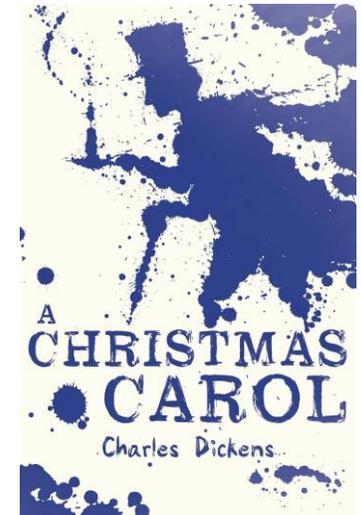
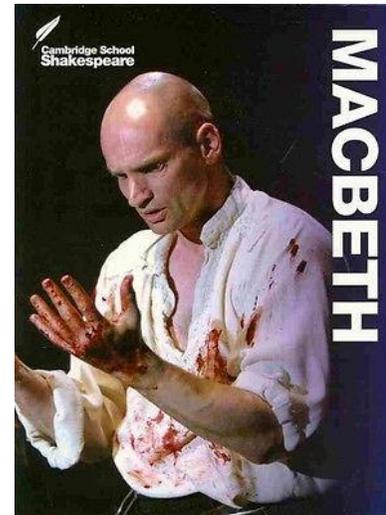
- Know and apply correct spelling, punctuation and grammar to their writing
- Vary their revision for interest and effectiveness.
- Identify their weaknesses and work on addressing them.
- Eat healthily, get rest, sleep well and take time off too.

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

GCSE

English Literature

AQA (8702)



Advice for Effective Revision

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 'An Inspector Calls'.
- Read and revise all poems in the Love and Relationships section of the poetry anthology.
- Use unseen (unfamiliar) poems to help construct analysis of poems for the unseen poetry section of the paper.

GCSE English Literature

What can you do to improve?

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 of your exam texts.
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 them?
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 for your exam texts.
Other resources		Search YouTube for Mr Bruff and MissHannaLovesGamma Look on BBC BiteSize Digital Theatre Plus: (for productions) www.digitaltheatreplus.com Login: Northgate Student Password: northgate121