

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 *The Sign of Four*.

Paper 2: Modern texts and poetry

Written exam: 2 hours and 15 minutes

96 marks

60% 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 your modern text - this will be either *Animal Farm*, *An Inspector Calls*, or *Pigeon English*.
- 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 the unseen poetry comparison!

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What can you do to improve?

Resource	Study Skill	What to do
Exercise books		Your GCSE exercise books have all your work and notes from the last two years. Now is the time to go back and read them carefully.
Revision guides		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		These, and other revision resources, can be found on the notice board outside L24 in the English Zone, and through the Website on the Learning Portal: English/Year 11/Literature/Past papers.
GCSEPod		Log in to GCSEPod and use the podcasts to review your understanding.
After school drop-in		These sessions are available across the English department; look out for Mr Bailey's revision sessions after school in the English Zone!
After school poetry		Missed a poem in class? Need some extra notes for a certain poem? Come along to catch-up sessions after half term - look out for sessions after school in the English Zone.
7-9 extension		Hoping to get a high level? Want to push yourself even further? Look out for an invitation to 7-9 sessions after school in the English Zone.
Revision Centre		Drop in to the Revision Centre! Revision Centre resources are available for English Literature on the Learning Portal: Year 11 Homework and Revision Centre / ENGLISH LITERATURE
After school drop-in		Need quick revision of 'The Sign of Four'? Need help with structuring essays? Look out for an invitation to Mrs Wright's weekly sessions, starting after half term.

Look out for posters in the English Zone

How can parents help?

Check that your child 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*, *The Sign of Four* and ONE OTHER modern text) 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.
- Attend after school drop-in and revision sessions.
- Draw up a realistic revision timetable and stick to it.



Check that your child is using effective revision strategies.

Key tips for revising for the English Literature exams 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 child to:

- Know and apply their SPaG target (resources on website).
- 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.

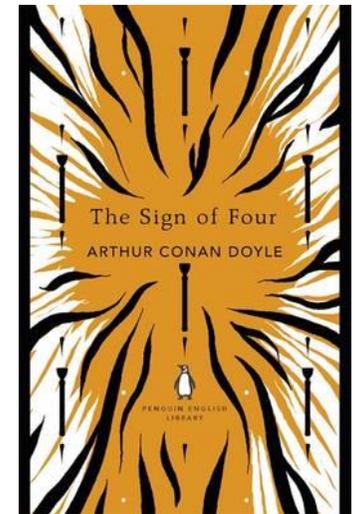
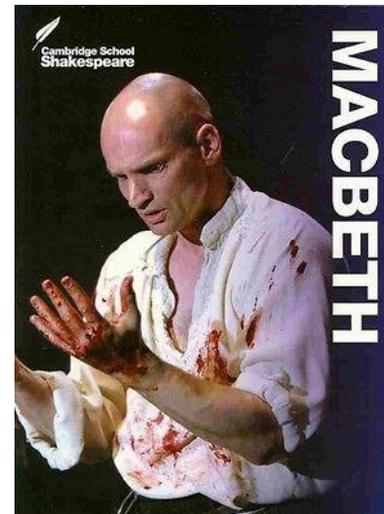


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Advice for Effective Revision