

AQA English Literature

To support your child's preparations, we strongly recommend re-reading the set texts (either hard or electronic) and purchasing copies of the relevant study guides. These are available to buy from the school shop, Waterstones, or online at www.amazon.co.uk. We recommend the Snap revision guides

A reminder that our set texts are:

- * *A Christmas Carol* (Charles Dickens)
- * *Macbeth* (William Shakespeare)
- * *An Inspector Calls* (J. B. Priestley)
- * AQA Poetry Anthology: Power and Conflict

It is essential that your child knows their set texts really well. They should have a set of notes on each of them that they compiled in Year 10 and have been adding to over Year 11, as well as an annotated poetry anthology. To consolidate their knowledge further, they should be using Seneca or the PiXLit app to revise plot, characters, themes and quotations: <https://englishapp.pixl.org.uk/>.

Approaching the Exam

To approach English Literature essays, your child will be familiar with one or more of the following 'answer methods' and should use whichever they feel the most comfortable with—any will help them to access the full range of marks:

- * PETAL
- * 5 Star
- * The 8 Literature Skills

Ask your child which they prefer to use and why.

Note: if your child can explore texts that they have not seen before in the English Language exam, there is no reason that they should not be equally as successful in English Literature, as long as they know their texts.

Homework

Your child will be set 5 quotations from their literature texts to research (e.g. Which text? Who said it? What's it referring to?). They should also be formulating their own revision or study notes about the text in whichever format suits them best.

Support

Lots of resources will be placed on Show My Homework.

We are available after school in H11 every Wednesday and Thursday to support students in anything that they are struggling with: they just need to come along with an idea of what they would like to work on. Breakfast sessions will begin after Easter. Poetry Café takes place every Tuesday lunchtime in H11: this is an opportunity for students to fill in any gaps in their anthology; this can also be done by looking on GCSE Bitesize or finding appropriate videos on YouTube.

We will be offering holiday support sessions during Easter ahead of the final exams.

Exam Dates

Paper 1 (Shakespeare and the 19th Century Novel): 15th May 2019

Paper 2 (Modern Texts and Poetry): 23th May 2019