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Overview of the course

English Literature

- *Macbeth* by William Shakespeare
- *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens
- *An Inspector Calls* by J.B Priestley
- Power and Conflict poetry
- Unseen poetry

In the Literature exam, your child will be tested on:

- Their knowledge of the text (plot, characters, themes, quotations)
- Their ability to respond to questions with their own ideas
- Their analysis of writer's methods (structural and language)
- Their knowledge of text context (what influenced the writer)
- And in some cases, their SPaG.



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Overview of the course - English Language

Speaking and Listening component



English Language Paper 1

- One fiction text
- 4 reading questions which test students' comprehension, language analysis, structural analysis and evaluative skills (40 marks)
- 1 creative writing question which tests students' ability to craft either a description or a narrative. Students will be awarded marks for content and SPaG.

English Language Paper 2

- Two non-fiction texts
- 4 reading questions which test students' comprehension, summarising, language analysis and comparative skills (40 marks)
- 1 creative writing question which tests students' ability to craft a transactional piece of writing with a specific focus. Students will be awarded marks for content and SPaG.



Homework

Y10 Knowledge Organiser [here](#)

Y10 Flashcards [here](#)

Y11 Knowledge Organiser [here](#)

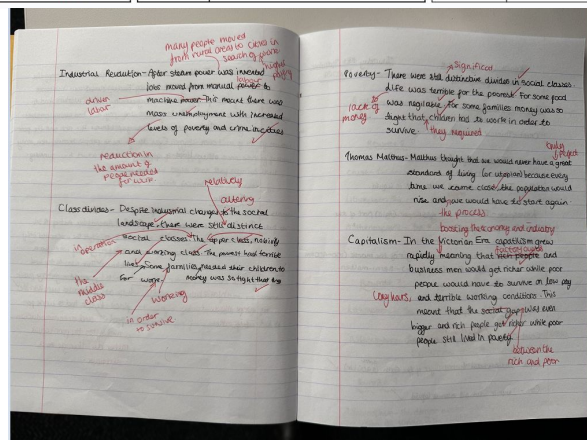
Y11 Flashcards [here](#)

KS4 A CHRISTMAS CAROL KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER

1. Key characters	
Character	Description
Scrooge	The protagonist initially dismisses the goodwill and generosity associated with Christmas. After being forced to transform, he becomes a symbol of Christmas spirit in Stave Five. He is a selfish character (a character who changes). A man who seems to embody everything about heartlessly strong capitalist spirit of the time.
Bob Cratchit	Bob is Scrooge's down-trodden but loyal employee. His family are a symbol of Victorian poverty, cheerfulness in adversity, togetherness and Christmas Spirit. Bob shows pity for Scrooge, and provides a contrast to Scrooge's isolation and meanness.
Fred	Fred epitomises the concept of goodwill and forgiveness, refusing to be discouraged by his uncle's misery. People such as the Cratchits look highly of Fred and his generosity, in contrast to how they speak of Scrooge. Fred shows that Scrooge has chosen isolation and shows forgiveness to Scrooge, welcoming him in Stave Five.
Marley's Ghost	Marley's ghost is the spiritual representation of Scrooge's potential fear. The chains that drag him down symbolise the guilt caused by his failure to help people in need. Marley's ghost warns Scrooge that he too will experience the same guilt if he continues to deny people help.
The Ghosts	The Ghost of Christmas Past is a symbol of childhood, truth and enlightenment. The Ghost of Christmas Present represents goodwill, plenty and the festival of Christmas. The Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come symbolises a catastrophic future for mankind.
Tiny Tim	Tiny Tim is an emblem for noble poverty; he accepts his disability without complaint.

2. Key context - A Christmas Carol was written by Charles Dickens in 1843	
The Poor Law Amendment Act	The Poor Law Amendment Act of 1834 allowed the poor to receive help only if they went to the workhouse. Workhouses were deliberately made to be miserable to deter the poor from relying on public assistance. The poor had to work for food and accommodation and often the poor would rather die than go to a workhouse.
Industrial Revolution	After the invention of steam power, many people moved from rural areas to cities in search of higher paying work. Everything converted from manual labour to machine driven labour, causing a reduction in the amount of people needed for work. This caused increased poverty levels and crime in cities.
Class divides	Despite industrial changes altering the social landscape, there were still relatively distinct social classes in operation: the nobility upper class, the middle class, and the working class. Life was terrible for the poorest. Lack of money resulted in a negligible food supply. For some working families, money was so tight that they required their children to work in order to survive.
Poverty	There were still significant distinctions between social classes. Life was terrible for the poorest: lack of money resulted in negligible food supply. For many, money was so tight that they required their children to work in order to survive.
Thomas Malthus	Malthus thought we would never have a truly perfect (or Utopian) society because every time we came close to providing a great standard of life for everyone, the population grew and the process had to start again.
Capitalism	In the Victorian era, capitalism grew rapidly, boosting the economy and industry. Factory owners and business people became very wealthy, while workers had to deal with long hours, low pay, and bad working conditions. This system made the gap between the rich and the poor even bigger. Even though some people became rich, many others lived in poverty and had a hard time surviving.

3. Key vocabulary	
antithesis	A person or a thing that is the direct opposite of something else.
misanthropic	Having or showing a dislike of other people; unsocial.
diatribe	A forceful and bitter verbal attack against someone or something, often political.
parsimony / parsimonious	Extreme unwillingness to spend money or use resources.
avarice / avaricious	Having or showing an extreme greed for wealth.
malevolent / malevolence	Being ill-natured, expressing a desire to do harm to others.
didactic	Trying to teach, particularly a moral lesson.
redemption	The action of saving or being saved from sin, error, or evil.
benevolent / benevolence	Being kind-hearted and good natured towards others.
penitent / penitence	Feeling or showing sorrow and regret for having done wrong.



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Revision

Y10 [here](#):

Y11 [here](#):

Week	Homework	Revision	Aim Higher
w/c 16/09/24	Knowledge organiser and flash cards	Re-read An Inspector Calls. You might choose to listen to this audiobook and track the text as you listen. Audiobook here Read/listen for 20 minutes this week	Listen to this 20 minute podcast . You need this handout as you listen to the podcast.
w/c 23/09/24	Knowledge organiser and flash cards	Re-read An Inspector Calls. You might choose to listen to this audiobook and track the text as you listen. Audiobook here Read/listen for 20 minutes this week	Listen to this 20 minute podcast . You need this handout as you listen to the podcast.
w/c 30/09/24	Knowledge organiser and flash cards	Re-read An Inspector Calls. You might choose to listen to this audiobook and track the text as you listen. Audiobook here Read/listen for 20 minutes this week	Listen to this 20 minute podcast on The Inspector - Episode 3 . You will need this handout as you listen to the podcast.
w/c 7/10/24	Knowledge organiser and flash cards	Re-read An Inspector Calls. You might choose to listen to this audiobook and track the text as you listen. Audiobook here Read/listen for 20 minutes this week	Listen to this 20 minute podcast on Eva Smith - Episode 4 . You will need this handout as you listen to the podcast.



English: tips for success

1. Be equipped!

- Bring your Language and Literature exercise books and resource booklets to every lesson.
- Highlighters.
- Reading rulers.

2. Keep reading!

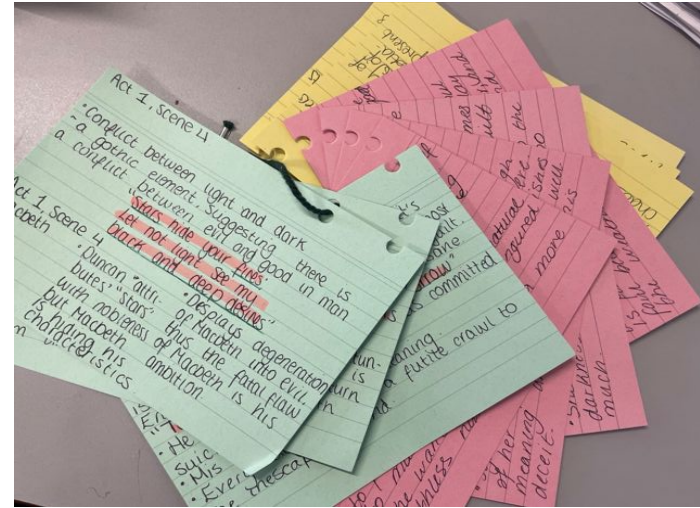
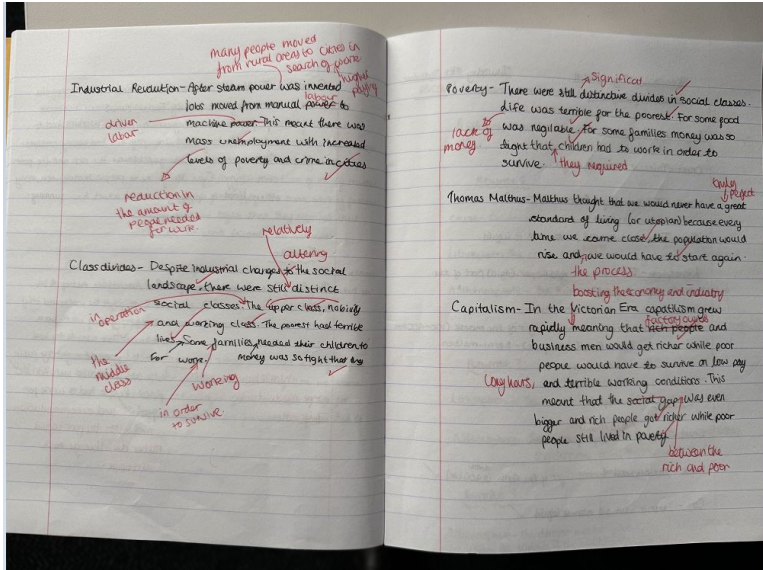
- You are encouraged to read widely. The English Language Paper 1 exam will feature an **unseen** C20-21st fictional extract; the English Language Paper 2 exam will feature a selection of **unseen** non-fiction in a variety of forms from between C19th-21st, and Literature Paper 2 will involve **unseen** poetry.
- KS4 recommended reading lists are available in the library.



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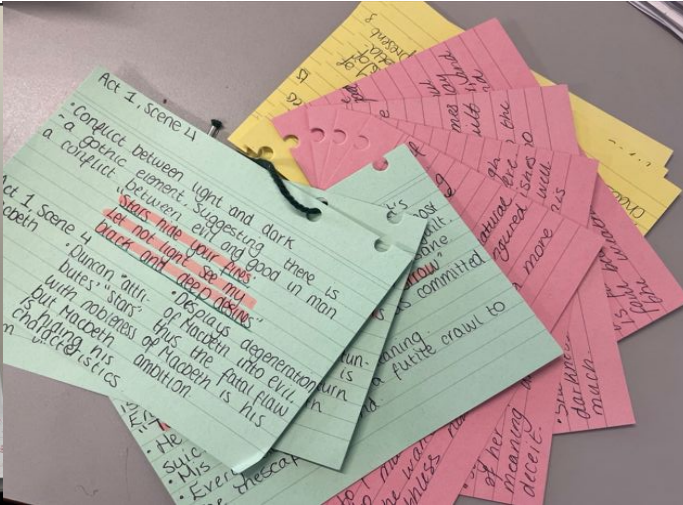
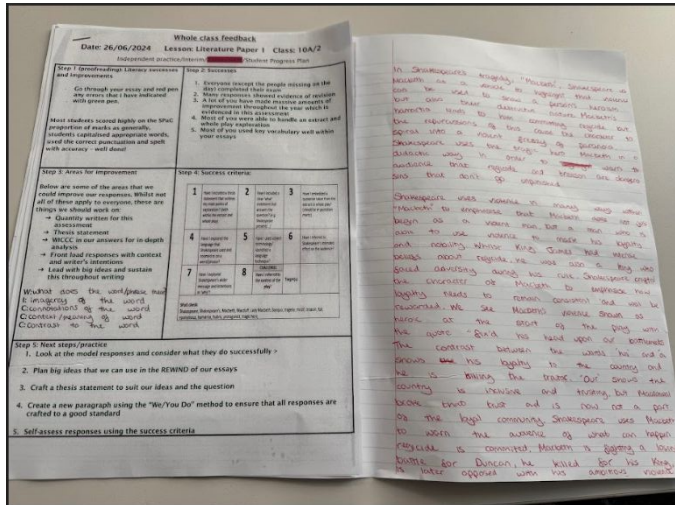
3. Keep on top of homework and revision

- Weekly homework is set on Bromcom. This entails students using a knowledge organiser to complete look, cover, write, check tasks and creating text specific flashcards.

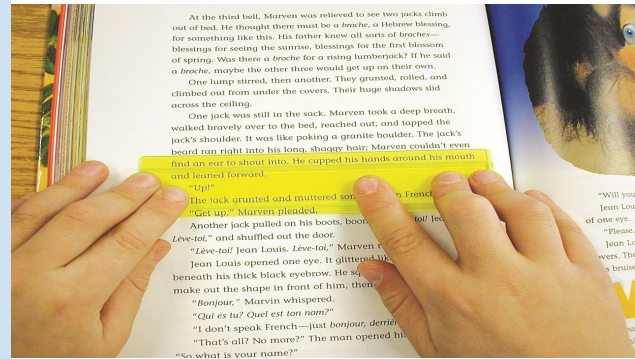


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Excellence in English



Taking onboard teacher feedback and implementing it into your work
Completing homework and revision tasks
Using flashcards for retrieval
Tracking the text
Bringing highlighters for annotations and being prepared!








Deliberate vocabulary instruction

Throughout our GCSE courses, we teach students specific vocabulary that supports their understanding of core texts and provides them with a broad way to express their ideas.

We use choral response with the words and allow students to hear them being said and say them in response.

Students will always write down the definition and will then sometimes watch a clip, find a specific quotation that links to the word or find synonyms.

These words are them regularly tested and used within lessons so encourage students to remember them.

<p>2. Definition</p> <p>Last year, you learnt that 'anthrop' means human. You learnt the word misanthrope - someone who hates other people.</p> <p>Misanthropy is a general dislike of people. Misanthropic is an adjective.</p>	<p>4. Video</p> 
<p>1. Say it/write it misanthropic</p>	
<p>3. Image</p> 	<p>5. Task: put into a sentence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In the video clip, The Grinch is clearly a misanthrope because... - Scrooge is a misanthropic character because... - I think misanthropy is more common than philanthropy because...
<p>2. Define it</p>	<p>3. Quotations from 'Bayonet Charge' that link to patriotic:</p>
<p>Expressing devotion to one's country.</p>	<p>Write a quotation from 'Bayonet Charge' that link to patriotism</p>
<p>1. Say it/write it patriotic</p>	
<p>4. Image</p>	<p>5. Task: put into a sentence</p>
	<p>Is it frowned upon to be patriotic in today's society? <i>It is/is not frowned upon to be patriotic in...</i></p>



Intervention & masterclasses

Wednesday after school 3:15-4:15 pm from November onwards

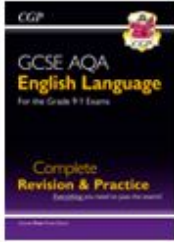
English revision club (open to all KS4 English students)

There are revision plans on your child's Bromcom pages that are updated every half term.

We have Aiming Higher booklets available for students who want to challenge themselves.

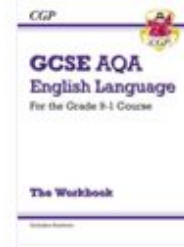


Revision guides



CGP: GCSE AQA English Language Complete Revision and Practice.

ISBN 978 1 78294 414 0



CGP: GCSE AQA English Language Workbook.

ISBN 978 1 78294 370 9

What revision do we have available?

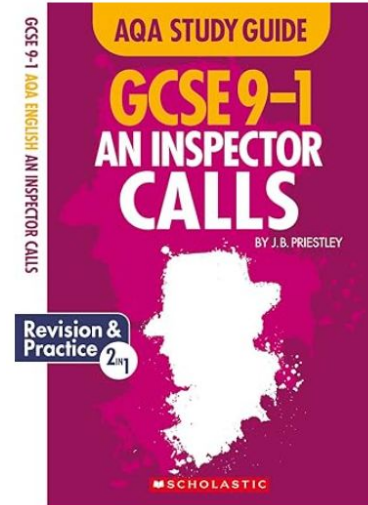
English Language revision guides on ParentPay.

Past Papers provided by the department

Flashcards with carefully chosen content that students are able to use as a revision aid

Revision plans on Bromcom

Suggested revision guides on Amazon (scholastic).



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Sixth Form pathway

A Level English Literature/English Language/English Language and Literature Combined

AQA English Lit B	AQA English Language	AQA English Lang and Lit
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Social and Political protest• Comedy <p><u>Texts</u> The Importance of Being Earnest The Doll's House The Kite Runner Tony Harrison Poetry Twelfth Night NEA - 2 texts of own choice through critical lens</p>	<p>Language representation Language ~Diversity and Change World English Child Language Acquisition</p> <p>NEA - Language Investigation - collect own data on own choice of topic eg Language and Politics/Language of the Classroom</p>	<p>Combines the study of literary and non-literary texts through linguistic methods.</p> <p><u>Texts</u> The Great Gatsby Poetry of Carol Ann Duffy Paris Anthology Othello The Handmaid's Tale</p>



Theatre in education



Throughout 2023-2024, Year 11 students experienced:

Quantum Theatre- A Christmas Carol

Box Clever Theatre- Macbeth

ManACTco- An Inspector Calls

As a school, we plan to have performances in 25-26 so that all Year 10s will have seen each performance.



Buxton Opera House currently have 'A Christmas Carol' on throughout November.

The Lowry have 'An Inspector Calls' on in January

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