

A Parent's Guide to AQA Language and Literature GCSE 2022



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How can I help my child prepare
for the exams and revise
effectively?

How can I help?

Preparing for GCSEs can be a challenging time for the entire family. Children are put under pressure to succeed and you as parents try everything you can to help your daughter do just that. However, there are many of you who are unsure of how to help. Maybe you are uncomfortable helping out because you are not knowledgeable in the specific subject or are confused with the current complicated GCSE system that resembles nothing like the exams you took.

Please don't let your self-doubt stop you from showing interest in your child's education. Many studies have shown students with parents who take on a more active role in their education generally do better in exams than students whose parents don't. The great news is that you don't need to be an expert to become involved. There are a variety of ways you can help to prepare your child for their GCSE exams. You can play a huge part in motivating your child just by giving unwavering support, offering constant encouragement and showing interest. This booklet is designed as a first port-of-call for parents, for use at home with your child. It provides suggestions, activities and ideas for how best to support your child in their learning within English and English Literature. These activities and suggestions dovetail with in-class learning, in order to assist students in making the maximum progress possible, both in and outside of lessons.

How should my child revise for English?

The most common comment of students is, "I find it difficult to revise for English" or the more definite, "You can't revise for English." As a parent, how can I respond to this and support my child? Below you will find a range of useful resources and ideas for revision activities.



YOUTUBE is a wonderful resource for English revision. There are thousands of videos based on English exams— just make sure you are watching the right exam board and specification! Ours is AQA, and it should say NEW specification, grades 1-9. Mr Bruff is a great starting point; as is AQA's own channel. Oak Academy and BBC Bitesize are useful too. Just search for the

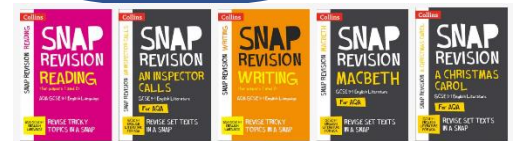


Read class notes and previous assessments. The teacher feedback and next steps will be a brilliant source of information for revision areas. The exam papers for both December and March mocks and feedback lessons with sample answers are in Sharepoint – English – Year 11- Revision Folder



Create spider diagrams or mindmaps for each paper. What are the skills? How many marks? How much time

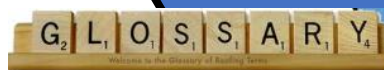
Create a glossary of terminology— all of the specifications now say that this is expected in your answers. Write definitions of words like 'simile', 'metaphor' and 'personification' - and challenge yourself to create examples.



Use Snap Revision guides which have sample questions and answers. There are lots of useful activities to complete



For literature, re-read the texts you have studied, or watch productions/ film versions of them to remind yourself of the plots, characters and themes. Memorise key quotes— these are always useful.



Use Seneca Premium courses to revise and get feedback

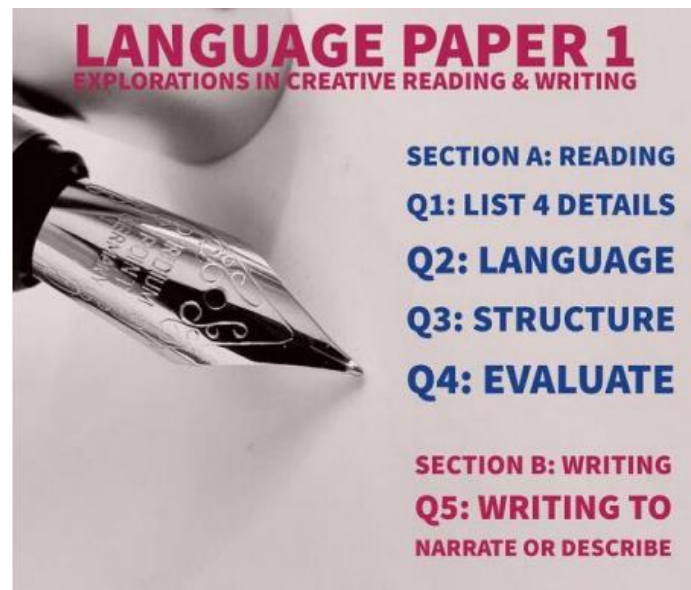
Practice, practice, practice. Find specimen exam questions or use example questions in SharePoint revision folder. Have a go at answering them, and then check yourself against the mark schemes. Ask your teacher to scan them and give you feedback.



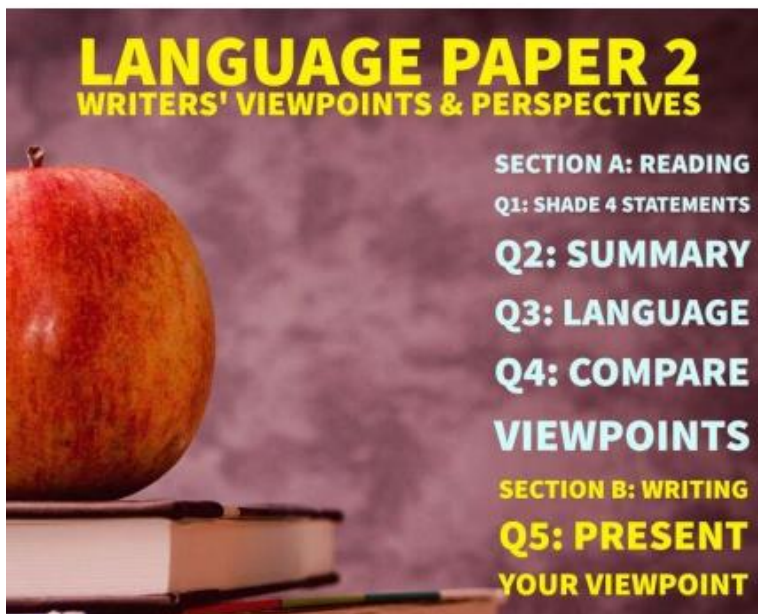
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Key pointers for Revision English Language

- Make sure you know the questions you will be asked for each paper
- For paper 1, you can practice with any fiction text. Pick a page from a book, or find a short story
- For paper 2, you can practice with any non-fiction texts. Find magazines, newspapers, blogs or leaflets
- Memorise, and practice the writing frames. Remember for Paper 2 question 5 you will be asked to write an article.



Wednesday 18th May



Friday 10th June

Useful revision websites

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-language8700/assessment-resources>

<http://mrbruff.com/>

<https://www.bbc.com/education/exams-pecs/zcbchv4>

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Tips for revising Literature

- Knowing quotations is important. Make flashcards organised by theme or character. Test yourself and test your friends

- Remember you are marked for your understanding of context. Revise the key historical context of each text

- For Paper 1 use the following question frames to help you revise:

A Christmas Carol

How is (character or theme) presented in this extract, and in the rest of the novel?

Inspector Calls

How is (character or theme) presented in the play?

For Paper 2

Macbeth

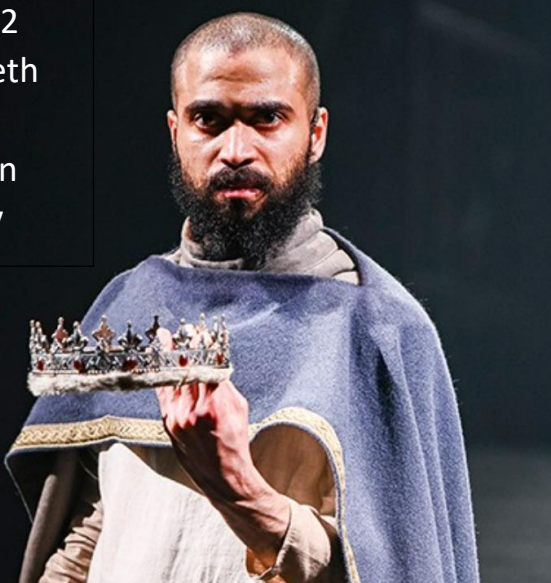
How is (character or theme) presented in

Paper 1 N A
**Christmas
Carol**

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**Inspector
Calls**

Wednesday 25th May

Paper 2
**Macbeth
and
Unseen
Poetry**



Wednesday 8th June

Useful revision websites

- Use Seneca Premium. See email to sign up
- Oak Academy
- Mr Bruff's Youtube channel
- BBC Bitesize
- Quizlet