

English and English Literature



Key information



- 2 GCSEs: English Language and English Literature
- Both AQA
- English Language: 2 exams
 - Paper 1: reading and writing fiction texts (5th June 2023*)
 - Paper 2: reading and writing non-fiction texts (12th June 2023*)
- English Literature: 2 exams
 - Paper 1: *Macbeth* and *Jekyll and Hyde* (17th May 2023*)
 - Paper 2: *An Inspector Calls*, *Anthology Poetry*, *Unseen Poetry* (24th May 2023*)

***Exam dates are provisional and subject to change**

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WHAT DOES THE DEPARTMENT OFFER?



- Half-termly self-study menus (on Teams and the school website)
- After school revision sessions
- Revision guides with key information and revision tasks on Teams and school website close to the exams
- Access to GCSEPod
- Ongoing support always available from class teachers
- Examiner insight

The image shows two screenshots. The top screenshot is a 'HOMEWORK MENU' for 'ENGLISH YEAR 11 MACBETH'. It contains several tasks in colored boxes: 'PRE-READING' (research witches, create glossary), 'FOLLOW-UP' (write paragraphs, create scene, analyze hero), and 'REVIEW/RECALL' (create revision cards, draw character map, create example questions). The bottom screenshot is a screenshot of the GCSEPod website showing 'Macbeth by William Shakespeare' with a list of video resources for each act.

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



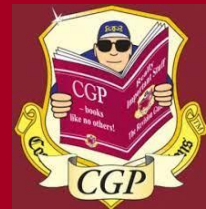
YOUTUBE is a great resource for English revision.

Mr Bruff is a good starting point, as is AQA's own channel.

GCSE Bitesize is also really useful.



There are plenty of revision guides available. We normally recommend the CGP ones – make sure they're for the right exam board.



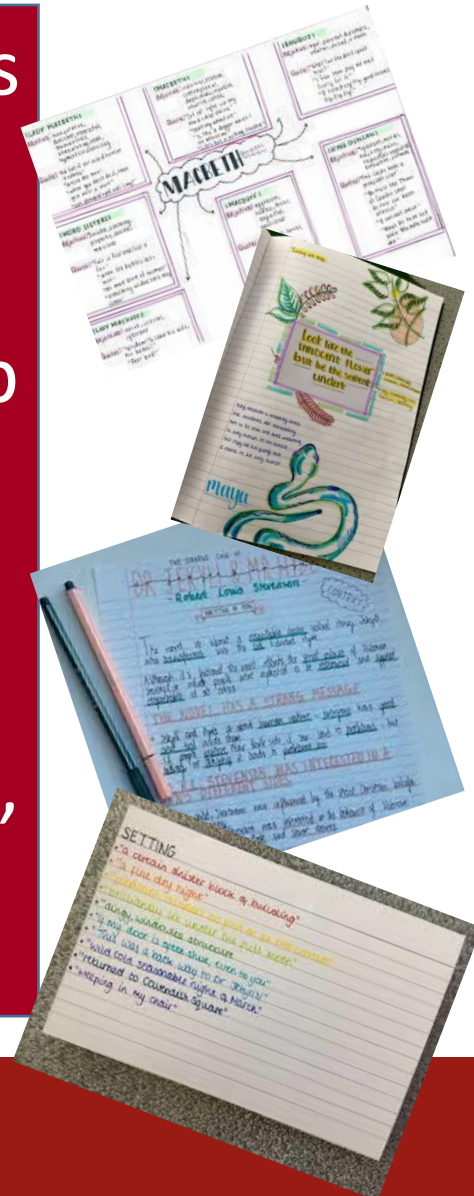
The AQA website has past papers that can be used as practice. It's best if these are done in timed conditions.



ACTIVE WAYS TO REVISE LITERATURE



- Creating spider diagrams or mindmaps about characters and themes
- Rereading texts or watching film/theatre productions
- Memorising key quotes – using visual images can help with this. Post-it notes are useful!
- Creating glossaries of key terms
- Making flashcards and quick quizzes to test knowledge
- Creating summary sheets. Start off with 100 words, then go down to 50, 30, 10, 5.

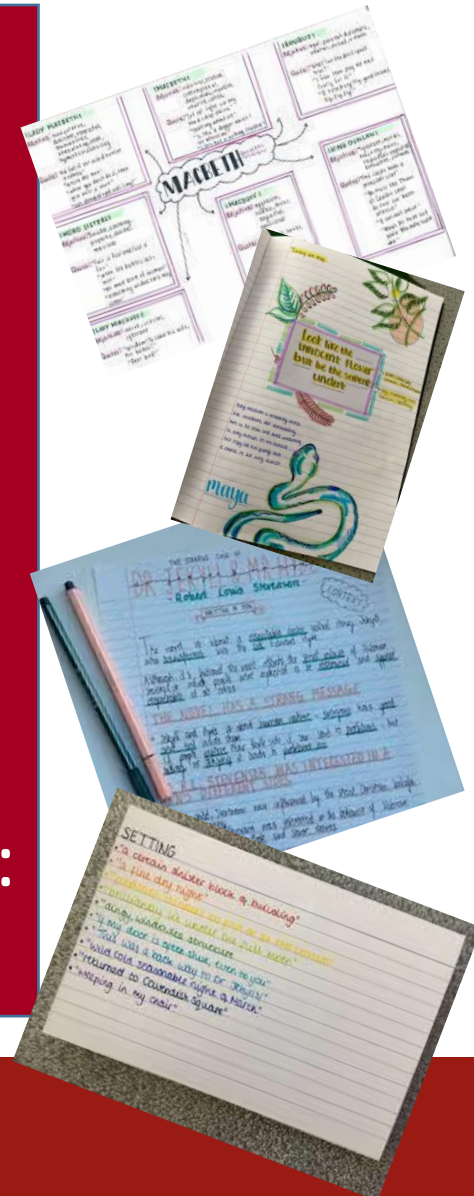


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ACTIVE WAYS TO REVISE LANGUAGE



- Reading and summarizing a range of fiction and non-fiction
- Identifying the genre, audience and purpose of texts
- Designing own questions in the style of the exams
- Writing responses and practising what, how, why.
- Revising subject terminology
- Working on core spellings
- Planning written responses to a range of pictures
- Planning for the **5 text types** they could be asked to write: **formal letter, article, speech, leaflet and essay.**



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