

# Y11 Parents' Evening – English Literature GCSE Information Sheet

AQA GCSE: English Literature Specification: <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-literature-8702>

## **Examination Information:**

GCSE English Literature is assessed by examination. There are two written literature examinations. Students are examined on their knowledge and understanding of the texts they have studied and on some unseen poetry.

**Paper 1:** This paper will test students on *Macbeth* and a 19<sup>th</sup> Century novel – either *A Christmas Carol* or *Jekyll and Hyde*. The students will write two essays.

**Paper 2:** This paper will test students on *An Inspector Calls*, *Power and Conflict* Poetry and unseen poetry. The students will write 4 essays – 3 longer responses and a shorter comparison essay.

## **How you can support your child:**

A quiet space to work and a regular routine for completing homework are highly recommended. There are revision sessions every Wednesday for English – encourage your child to attend these.

In order to achieve the best possible overall grade for their English Literature GCSE we strongly recommend that students get into the habit of regular revision from now onwards, if they are not already doing so. 15-20 minutes a day will significantly enhance their knowledge, skills and confidence with their literature skills.

There are also study guides available for GCSE literature such as *Snap Revision*.

## **Key Websites:**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zt3rkqt> BBC Bitesize

<https://www.youtube.com/user/mrbruff> Mr Bruff does great you tube videos on English texts

<https://www.thenational.academy/> Oak Academy has excellent revision activities

<https://www.mathsociety.org.uk/gcseenglishliterature> - A comprehensive overview of how the exams work, links to revision videos and exam walkthroughs

## **Moodle:**

Revision resources, including knowledge builders are available to support students with their revision.

If you have any queries at any time please do not hesitate to contact the English Curriculum Area via the school phone number or email: [info@ladymanners.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:info@ladymanners.derbyshire.sch.uk)