

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 four texts they have studied and also on unseen poetry.

Paper 1: This paper will test students on *Macbeth* and a 19th 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: English homework is set on Class Charts every week and is due in on Mondays. There are revision sessions on Tuesdays for English – encourage your child to attend these.

To achieve the best possible overall grade for English Literature GCSE we strongly recommend that students get into the habit of regular revision. It is essential that students build a bank of “quotations” for all four of their texts: this involves creating flashcards – on paper or electronic – from which to test themselves. Other successful methods of revision for English Literature include creating character profiles and theme maps.

There are also study guides available for GCSE literature such as *Snap Revision* (all grades) and *Lightbulb* guides (aimed at grades 7-9).

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