

English Information Evening

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What we will cover:

- What is my child being assessed on?
- How will IGS help prepare my child to succeed?
- How can our students prepare independently for exam success?
- How can families support this journey within English?

GCSE English Language – what is being assessed?

- Paper 1 (1 hour 45 mins)
 - Extract from a modern story
 - 4 questions: Retrieval, how does the writer, structure, responding to a statement
 - 1 writing task- creative writing. Choice of two tasks.
- Paper 2 (1 hour 45 mins)
 - Two extracts (often non-fiction)
 - 4 questions: Retrieval, how does the writer, compare
 - 1 writing task- writing for a purpose.

GCSE English Literature – what is being assessed?

- Paper 1 (1 hour 45 mins)
 - An extract-based essay on Macbeth
 - An extract-based essay on Jekyll and Hyde
- Paper 2 (2 hours 15 mins)
 - A choice of two essay questions on Lord of the Flies/ Inspector Calls
 - An essay comparing two poems from the Power and Conflict Poetry Anthology
 - An essay on an unseen poem and a short comparative question

Which papers are being assessed in the November mock exams?

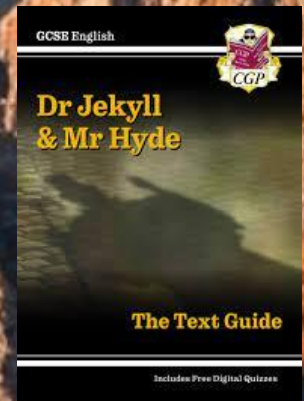
Language

Language Paper 2 (1 hour 45 mins)

Literature

Paper 1 (1 hour 45 mins)

- An extract-based essay question on Macbeth
- An extract-based essay on Jekyll and Hyde



What does my child need to know about each text?

- The big ideas and concepts within the text
- Plot
- Key characters
- Key quotations (short ones)
- Important contextual ideas

This information can be found on the 'revision checklist' on Showbie

How **we** prepare for English Literature in school

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Study Skills Booklet

MACBETH
An Inspector Calls
Lord of the Flies
Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde

AQA
GCSE ENGLISH LITERATURE

A collection of research-based strategies dedicated to helping you get the most out of your English revision.

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Our main strategy: Study Skills

- We have embedded 'Study Skills' within our curriculum to ensure that all students are equipped with the independent skills necessary for revision
- These sessions allow students to learn and practice practical strategies they can then replicate at home
- Once per fortnight



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Where to find revision materials

1. Self-quizzing	4
2. Quotation revision	5
3. Quotation pairs	6
4. Quotation ordering and mapping	7
5. Themes	8
6. Revising the plot	9
7. Character Profiles	10
8. Vocabulary	11
9. Context	12
10. Cornell Method	13
11. Poetry revision techniques	14
12. Answering practice questions	15
Answering practice questions: unseen poetry	16
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Why we do Study Skills:

- Research tells us that it isn't the time you spend revising that counts
- It's the activities you do that make learning 'stick'
- You need to revisit information on a regular basis – little and often
- Cramming doesn't work as your brain is overloaded.



After 20 minutes:
42% of learning
is lost



After 24 hours:
67% of learning
is lost



After 31 days:
79% of learning
is lost



After 60 days:
90% of learning
is lost

Effectiveness of strategies in English

HIGH IMPACT

- Planning and writing past paper questions (see Showbie)
- Creating flashcards (as long as they are well made and used regularly)
- Creation and use of iterative testing
- Spaced practice
- Teaching a peer
- Dual coding

LOW IMPACT

- Re-reading notes
- Highlighting
- Summarising
- Gap fills
- Crammed revision

A range of strategies:

STRATEGIES

STUDY SKILLS FOLDER ON SHOWBIE	FLASHCARDS	QUIZZING- SELF MADE OR ONLINE
GRAPHIC ORGANISERS	CORNELL NOTE TAKING	JUST A MINUTE
TEACH A FRIEND	TOPIC RANKING	PAST QUESTIONS / PAPERS
DUAL CODING	MEMRISE FOR SPELLINGS	PODCASTS
MR BRUFF	MR SALLES	STACEY REAY
FIRST RATE TUTORS	REVISION POD	MR EVERYTHING ENGLISH



How else we prepare for English Literature in school:

- 3 a day – improving memory retention
- Mock series with thorough and personalised feedback
- Showbie is full of resources to allow students to revise at home
- Extra revision sessions may be offered nearer the exam season*

How we prepare for English Language in school

- Opportunities for frequent practice
- Timely and regular independent checkpoints
- Access to exam papers and mark schemes
- The opportunity to look at example answers



How to prepare for English Language at home:

READING SECTIONS

- Revise the rubric of the reading questions (self-testing, teaching a friend, flashcards)
 - How long
 - How many quotes
 - Steps to go through
 - Sentence starters
- Practice past reading papers (see Showbie)

How to prepare for English Language at home:

WRITING SECTIONS

Paper 1

- Mind map and then plan story ideas
(Often involve overcoming an obstacle)
- Create a bank of characters with descriptions you could weave into your narratives
- Read model answers and consider stealing phrases/vocabulary from your own books
- Practice – ask for feedback / ask a friend – redraft and repeat

How to prepare for English Language at home:

WRITING SECTIONS

Paper 2

- Use the past papers – plan and write up what you could say (staff always happy to mark)
- Make a list of steals from model responses
- Read the news- particularly opinion columns (Guardian, Independent, The Conversation, BBC not behind paywall)

What families can do to support:

- Support with making a revision timetable and hold them accountable
- Check progress of self-assessment against revision checklists (are they working through them)
- Test students using flashcards
- Be a learner- get them to teach you a topic
- Ask them to show you Showbie
- Encourage metacognition- are they reflecting enough on where their gaps are?
- Encourage **healthy** revision habits