

## English

Subject: English Language  English Literature	Exam Board: AQA	Head of Department: Miss Walker
<p><b>Assessment</b></p> <p>English Language</p> <p>External Examination: 100%</p> <p><b>Paper 1: Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing.</b> 1 hour 45 minutes. 80 marks. 50% of GCSE</p> <p><b>Section A:</b> One unseen literature fiction text. Students answer a series of questions on the text.</p> <p><b>Section B:</b> One descriptive writing or narrative response written by the student.</p> <p><b>Paper 2: Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives</b> 1 hour 45 minutes. 80 marks. 50% of GCSE</p> <p><b>Section A:</b> one unseen non-fiction text and one unseen literary non-fiction text. Students answer a series of questions on the texts.</p> <p><b>Section B:</b> Writing to present a viewpoint. Student response.</p>	<p>English Literature</p> <p>External Examination: 100%</p> <p><b>Paper 1: Shakespeare and the 19<sup>th</sup> Century Novel.</b> 1 hr 45 mins. 64 marks. 40%</p> <p><b>Section A:</b> Shakespeare – Romeo and Juliet (20%)</p> <p><b>Section B:</b> 19<sup>th</sup> Century Novel – A Christmas Carol (20%)</p> <p><b>Paper 2: Modern Texts and Poetry</b> 2 hours 15 minutes. 96 marks. 60%</p> <p><b>Section A:</b> Modern texts – An Inspector Calls</p> <p><b>Section B:</b> Poetry Love and Relationships Poetry (Anthology)</p> <p><b>Section C:</b> Unseen Poetry</p> <p>All of these exams are closed book and whilst students are given extracts to write about for Paper 1, there is an expectation that students will have a full working knowledge of all of the texts, including the 15 poems, complete with quotations learnt by heart.</p>	
<p><b>Key Dates</b></p> <p>There will be a series of mock exams throughout the year to support students' revision and to prepare them for the rigours and expectations of the exams.</p>		
<p><b>Useful Resources</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <a href="#">Newspapers provide an excellent source of unseen text for students to decode and analyse.</a></li><li>▪ <a href="#">A separate handout will be provided with recommended revision resources.</a></li><li>▪ <a href="#">Random Image Generator is a useful site for images to support practice of descriptive writing</a></li><li>▪ <a href="#">There are some useful resources on Revisionworld.com</a></li><li>▪ <a href="#">It would benefit students to have their own copies of the set texts (two of the three are available to download free). These texts should be read several times.</a></li></ul>		
<p><b>How you can support your child</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Encourage him / her to read widely at home</li><li>▪ Check what homework is set and that it is being done</li><li>▪ Encourage your child to re-draft work and to check spellings and grammar</li><li>▪ Encourage your child to collect non-fiction texts (e.g charity leaflets) and to read newspaper articles.</li></ul>		

- Question your child on key characters and themes in the different literature texts and support them in learning quotations.