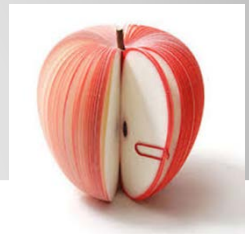




Supporting your child with English GCSEs

- What the examinations contain
- How pupils can revise
- How you can help

We will explore...



- GCSE English Language
 - Explorations in creative reading and writing
 - Writers' viewpoints and perspectives
- GCSE English Literature
 - Shakespeare and the 19th Century Novel
 - An Inspector Calls and Poetry

Course content





Seven hours and fifteen minutes!

English Language Paper 1

- Section A
 - One fiction extract
 - 4 questions
- Section B
 - A picture and a writing prompt
 - A writing task testing descriptive/narrative writing



English Language Paper 2

- Section A
 - Two non-fiction extracts
 - 4 questions
- Section B
 - A writing task testing viewpoint writing



English Language

English Literature Paper 1

- Section A
 - Romeo and Juliet
 - 1 question with a text extract
- Section B
 - A Sign of Four/A Christmas Carol
 - 1 question with a text extract



English Literature Paper 2

- Section A
 - An Inspector Calls
 - Choice of 2 questions no text
- Section B
 - Anthology Poetry
 - One poem provided compare with a second
- Section C
 - Analyse an unseen poem
 - Compare it to a second unseen poem



English Literature

English Language

- Read a range of texts regularly
- Use question prompts to self test understanding of what has been read
- Collect and learn subject specific vocabulary
- Practise writing

English Literature

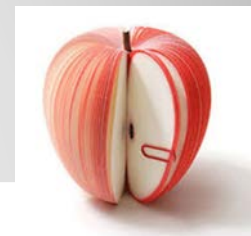
- Explore the texts
- Learn character details
- Learn theme details
- Practice exploring poems
- Practice essay plans
- Learn subject specific vocabulary

How can pupils revise?



- Discuss texts
- Look out for TV programmes, radio podcasts, theatre websites etc. that might support study of the texts
- Read together – short fiction/non-fiction extracts using Active Annotation or Reading Discussion Prompts to help you.
- Discuss issues and support your child in constructing and communicating an opinion
- Write together – short descriptions of the kitchen, the weather outside, the dog.....

How can you help?



- **Flash Cards**
- **Post-it quotes**
- **Quizzes**
- **Mind-maps**
- **Audio tapes**

For Literature



- <http://www.aqa.org.uk/student-support/for-parents>
- <http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-language-8700>
- <http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-literature-8702>
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