

**English Literature AQA  
Revision Timetable  
February – May 2017**

From summer 2017, GCSEs in English Language and English Literature will be assessed entirely by examination. The content and level of challenge has been considerably increased from the demands of previous GCSEs. The qualification is untiered, which means that all students will sit the same papers, regardless of ability. In particular, the course content for English GCSE Literature is considerable greater than the previous years.

**Paper One: Shakespeare and the 19<sup>th</sup> Century Novel**

**1 hour 45 min exam.**

**Section A: Macbeth- Answer one question based on the extract given. (30 marks + 4 marks for SPAG)**

**Section B: A Christmas Carol – Answer one question based on the extract given. (30 marks)**

**\*\*Copies of the text are not allowed in either of the exams.**

**Paper Two: Modern Texts and Poetry**  
**2 hours and 15 min exam.**

**Section A: Animal Farm – Answer one question from the two provided. (30 marks + 4 marks for SPAG)**

**Section B: Poetry Anthology – Power and Conflict. Compare two poems. One is provided. The other is personal choice. (30 marks)**

**Section C: Unseen poetry – One question on single poem. (24 marks) One question comparing two poems (8 marks)**

| Week beginning               | Session 1   | Session 2   | Parent signature |
|------------------------------|---|---|------------------|
| 16/01/17                     | Watch the 2010 version of Macbeth.<br><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cF4fVMXOFPc">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cF4fVMXOFPc</a>   | Watch the 2010 version of Macbeth.<br><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cF4fVMXOFPc">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cF4fVMXOFPc</a>   |                  |
| 23/01/17                     | Create revision cards on the characters with key quotations. Try to make them short and memorable.<br><a href="http://www.litcharts.com/lit/macbeth">http://www.litcharts.com/lit/macbeth</a>   | Create a theme grid on Macbeth. Demonstrate how different themes link to different parts of the text and different characters.<br><a href="https://www.gcsepod.com/">https://www.gcsepod.com/</a>             |                  |
| 30/01/17                     | Create a factsheet on the context of the play. What significant social and historical events were happening at the time?<br><a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/english_literature/dramamacbeth/">http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/english_literature/dramamacbeth/</a> | Look at Act 1 Scene 1, Act 2 Scene 1 and one other scene of your choice. Annotate language and/or structural features from the play.  |                  |
| 06/02/17                     | Listen to the audiobook of A Christmas Carol, making detailed annotations of language used throughout.<br><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n3fN_rupwo">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n3fN_rupwo</a>   | Listen to the audiobook of A Christmas Carol, making detailed annotations of language used throughout.<br><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n3fN_rupwo">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n3fN_rupwo</a> |                  |
| 13/02/17                     | Research the context of A Christmas Carol. What significant social and historical events were happening at that time?<br><a href="http://www.sparknotes.com/lit/christmascarol/">http://www.sparknotes.com/lit/christmascarol/</a>  | Annotate the main characters of the novel with key quotations from the text. Each character should cover one side of A4.  |                  |
| 20/02/17<br><b>Half Term</b> | Complete the exam question based on A Christmas Carol or Macbeth (teacher selected)   | Complete the exam question based on A Christmas Carol or Macbeth (teacher selected)   |                  |

| Week beginning                    | Session 1  | Session 2  | Parent signature |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|------------------|
| 27/02/17                          | Use your local library or the internet to find a poem that is unknown to you. Make annotations on the following: language, form, structure, theme/s. | Use your local library or the internet to find a poem that is unknown to you. Make annotations on the following: language, form, structure, theme/s. |                  |
| 06/03/17                          | Complete the Unseen Poetry exam question (teacher chosen)  | Complete the Unseen Poetry exam question (teacher chosen)  |                  |
| 13/03/17                          | Re-read all poems in the Power and Conflict anthology.<br>Check your annotations.  | Re-read all poems in the Power and Conflict anthology.<br>Check your annotations.  |                  |
| 20/03/17                          | Create quotation revision cards for your poems.  | Create quotation revision cards for your poems.  |                  |
| 27/03/17                          | Research the context of each poem. Then identify how you make links between the context and the message behind the poem.                             | Research the context of each poem. Then identify how you make links between the context and the message behind the poem.                             |                  |
| 03/04/17<br><b>Easter Holiday</b> | Complete the poetry exam question based on the Power and Conflict Anthology.   | Complete the poetry exam question based on the Power and Conflict Anthology.   |                  |

| <b>Easter Holiday</b><br>Revision classes to attend!<br>Revise all poetry over the Easter holidays. | <b>Session 1</b>  | <b>Session 2</b>  |  |
|---|---|---|--|
| 24/04/2017  | Start to work through your A Christmas Carol workbook.  | Use GCSEPOD to revise characters, themes, quotes and the social and historical context of the novel.  |  |
| 01/05/2017  | Start to work through your Macbeth workbook.  | Use GCSEPOD to revise the characters, themes, quotes and the social and historical context of the play.                                     |  |
| 08/05/2017  | Recap the Poetry Anthology. Use BBC Bitesize and GCSEPOD to help.<br><a href="http://www.poetrysociety.org.uk">www.poetrysociety.org.uk</a> | Revise the remaining poems. Make sure you have quotations from each. <a href="http://www.poetrysociety.org.uk">www.poetrysociety.org.uk</a> |  |
| 15/05/2017  | Complete the Animal Farm exam question.   | Complete the Poetry Anthology Exam question.  |  |
| 22/05/2017<br><b>Literature EXAM WEEK</b>   | Paper 1 exam 22 <sup>nd</sup> May<br>Revise for Paper 1 elements – Macbeth, A Christmas Carol.  | Paper 2 exam 26 <sup>th</sup> May<br>Revise for Paper 2 elements – Animal Farm, Power and Conflict Anthology, Unseen Poetry.                |  |

**Good luck**

