

Year 11 English Revision (all AQA)

Topics:

- **Language Paper 1 (fiction and creative writing)**
- **Language Paper 2 (non-fiction and writing to inform, argue and advise)**

English Language:

- How to approach each question in the reading sections of Paper 1 and Paper 2
- What constitutes a 'language feature' and a 'structural feature'
- What descriptions and narratives look like - this can be best achieved by reading some
- Vocabulary: looking for words that you find interesting and ensuring you know how they can be used in a sentence
- Punctuation: ensuring you feel comfortable with colons, semicolons, apostrophes and other punctuation marks
- What non-fiction texts giving a viewpoint look like - again, reading them is key

- **Literature:**

- **Macbeth**
- **A Christmas Carol**
- **An Inspector Calls**
- **Power and Conflict Poetry**
- **Unseen poetry**
- The plots of Macbeth, A Christmas Carol and An Inspector Calls
- What each of the Power and Conflict poems is about
- Key contexts that affect the texts and the ways in which they affect what is written and how we receive it. This could be historical, social, cultural or other context
- What the writer of each is aiming to do with their text: the key messages and why they are trying to convey those messages
- Key parts/lines from the texts and what they show us
- Key themes of each text

- Which of the anthology poems compare well together
- How to approach an unseen poem. Reading some poetry and considering what it is about and how you know would be helpful

Useful online resources:

- BBC Bitesize – Language and Literature
- Youtube: Stacey Reay, Mr Bruff, Psycho English Teacher (Macbeth), Mr Everything English, Amy Smith English
- GCSE Pod
- www.senecalearning.com
- www.englishbiz.co.uk
- <https://www.theguardian.com/uk/commentisfree>
- <https://amysmithliterature.wordpress.com/>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zxqncwx>

Recommended revision guides:

- CGP guides
- York notes

Ways to revise:

- Mind-maps
- Plan/answer exam style questions
- Ensure that you know how to plan and answer each question
- Know the timings for the papers – especially language!
- Learn quotes from the set texts (Macbeth, A Christmas Carol, An Inspector Calls and Power and conflict poems)
- Produce quote flashcards
- Re-read An Inspector Calls (this shouldn't take too long). You could also watch the BBC version on Youtube
(https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=bbc+an+inspector+calls+1982)
- Revise the plot for the set texts – use your English books/BBC Bitesize
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Macbeth tips

- Plot: Use PsychoEnglish Teacher for each act
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YGemg1hd9sM>
- Stacey Reay and Mr Bruff have excellent analysis videos:
 - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJhuqpyhE8NzYZFkwTzi_7g
 - <https://www.youtube.com/user/mrbruff>

- Use BBC teach summary videos:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6yo9XbFA1zU&list=PLcvEcrcF_9zlurVuQFZxC2_OUlu09Un6
- **Key points to focus on:**
 - Plot
 - Characters
 - Themes
 - Context (religion, witches/supernatural, divine rights of kings)