

English Language and Literature

Exam board: Edexcel

All students sit both English Language and English Literature, which will give all students two GCSEs.

Both English Literature and English Language comprise two examinations:

English Language – Paper 1: 19th Century Extract and Imaginative Writing

English Language – Paper 2: Non-Fiction Extracts and Transactional Writing

English Literature – Paper 1: Shakespeare and Post-1914 Novel or Play

English Literature – Paper 2: 19th Century Novel and Poetry

Resources needed for revision:

- Online curriculum – there is a host of resources available for you to access
- Access to external revision websites – GCSE Bitesize and Sparknotes are examples; there are also some good summary videos on YouTube.
- Exercise books with written notes and revision folders. These will be the best way of recapping work and focusing on your improvement targets
- Past paper exam questions and mark schemes from class teachers or the Edexcel website.
- Extensive Session 3 programme (see guide below)

- **Language:**

Revise Edexcel GCSE (9-1) English Language Revision Guide

Revise Edexcel GCSE (9-1) English Language Revision workbook

- **Literature:**

Shakespeare texts: 'Macbeth, or 'Romeo and Juliet'

20th Century texts: 'An Inspector Calls', 'The Woman in Black', or 'Lord of the Flies'

19th Century Novels: 'Frankenstein', 'A Christmas Carol' or 'Jekyll and Hyde'

'York Notes' versions of any of the Literature texts mentioned for Years 10 & 11 are recommended for use in conjunction with reading the texts.

Top revision tips:

- Use the syllabus or revision guide to produce a list of texts and writing skills that you need to know for each exam. This will help you to break your revision down into manageable chunks.
- Identify your improvement priorities, using your teacher if required, and attend additional sessions to receive tailored support for your needs
- Hand in extra exam responses to teachers so that they can provide additional feedback.
- Re-read the texts, which are available from the library, all good book stores or as ebooks – making notes about Character, Setting and Theme. This is **the best** way of recapping a text in Literature.
- Know whether you need context, analysis, evidence or evaluation etc. for each section of the exam.

English Session 3 Schedule

Date	Content covered	Teachers leading sessions
Tuesday 26/2/19	Shakespeare & 20 th Century text	Dr Dennant, Dr Murray, Mrs Bains
Tuesday 5/3/19	Paper 1 Language	Miss Price, Miss Quinton
Tuesday 12/3/19	19 th Century novel & Poetry	Dr Dennant, Mr Saunders, Miss Couzens
Tuesday 19/3/19	Paper 2 Language	Miss Quinton, Ms Wright
Tuesday 26/3/19	Shakespeare & 20 th Century text	Dr Dennant, Miss Price, Mrs Bains
Tuesday 2/4/19	Paper 1 Language	Miss Quinton, Ms Wright
Tuesday 9/4/19	19 th Century novel & Poetry	Dr Dennant, Dr Murray, Mr Saunders
Tuesday 30/4/19	Paper 2 Language	Miss Quinton, Dr Murray
Tuesday 7/5/19	Shakespeare & 20 th Century text	Dr Dennant, Miss Couzens, Miss Price
Tuesday 14/5/19	Shakespeare and 20 th Century text	All class teachers (where possible)
Wednesday 22/5/19	19 th Century novel & Poetry	All class teachers (where possible)
Monday 3/6/19	Paper 1 Language	All class teachers (where possible)
Thursday 6/6/19	Paper 2 Language	All class teachers (where possible)