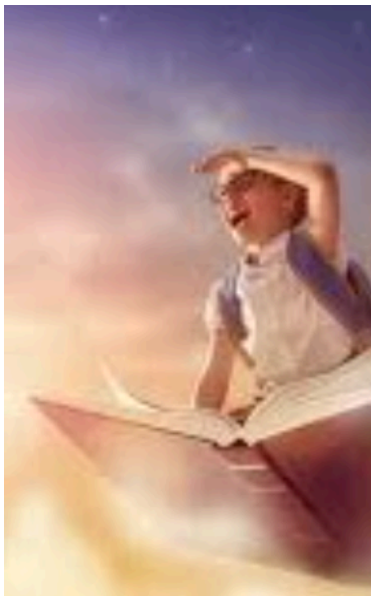


TOP 5 REVISION TIPS:

1. For **GCSE English Language**, use the **Blatch English Department [Revision Website](#)**. Memorise **timings**, **marks** available and the **skills assessed** for each **question**. Watch the **video walkthroughs** for each question and use these to help you complete **practice papers**.
2. For **GCSE English Literature**, use the **Blatch English Department [Revision Website](#)** to find past papers, marked scripts, video tutorials and **practice questions**. Create **mind maps** for the key themes related to each text and make **flashcards** to help you memorise key quotations. **Make sure you self-test regularly**.
3. For both **Literature** and **Language**, use the **knowledge organiser/process sheets** to create **flashcards**, **mind maps** or to plan/complete **practice questions**.
4. Use your **English exercise books**, **hot tasks** and **assessments** and **mock exams**. Use the targets you have been given to focus your revision.
5. Use the **Mr Bruff YouTube tutorials** to make **revision cards** or **mind maps** for areas of the curriculum you find more challenging.

EXAM INFORMATION:



English Language Paper 1:

'Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing'

- 1 hour and 45 minutes
- 50% of the total English Language GCSE
- Section A = reading; Section B = writing
- 80 marks in total (40 for reading; 40 for writing)

Q1) List 4 things... - 4 marks

Q2) Language Analysis - 8 marks

Q3) Structure Analysis - 8 marks

Q4) Evaluation - 20 marks

Q5) Writing a description or narrative - 40 marks



English Language Paper 2:

'Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives'

- 1 hour and 45 minutes
- 50% of the total English Language GCSE
- Section A = reading; Section B = writing
- 80 marks in total (40 for reading; 40 for writing)

Q1) True or false - 4 marks

Q2) Summary - 8 marks

Q3) Language Analysis - 12 marks

Q4) Comparison - 16 marks

Q5) Writing to present a viewpoint - 40 marks



English Literature Paper 1:

Macbeth & A Christmas Carol

- 1 hour and 45 mins
- 40% of the total English Literature GCSE
- Section A = Macbeth; Section B = A Christmas Carol
- 64 marks in total (34 for Macbeth; 30 for A Christmas Carol)



SECTION A: Macbeth: one extract-whole text essay - 30 marks + 4 SPAG - 55 mins

SECTION B: A Christmas Carol: one extract-whole text essay - 30 marks - 50 mins



English Literature Paper 2:

An Inspector Calls, Anthology Poetry and Unseen Poetry

- 2 hours and 12 mins
- 60% of the total English Literature GCSE
- Section A = An Inspector Calls; Section B = Anthology Poetry; Section C = Unseen Poetry
- 96 marks in total (34 for An Inspector Calls; 30 for Poetry; 32 for Unseen Poetry)



SECTION A: An Inspector Calls: one essay (choice of two) - 30 marks + 4 SPAG - 45 mins

SECTION B: Anthology Poetry: one poem selected from the 15 anthology poems - students analyse and compare to a second poem from memory - 30 marks - 45 mins



SECTION C: Unseen Poetry: Part A - analysis of one unseen poem - 24 marks - 30 mins; Part B - comparison of methods in this and another unseen poem - 8 marks - 15 mins

Revision Checklists for GCSE English Literature & Language

GCSE English Literature

Essential Revision Checklists: **Macbeth**



MACBETH ESSENTIAL REVISION CHECKLIST:		RAG LINKS:	
1	I know the plot well and can explain the key events in each act.		Macbeth plot summary Macbeth act by act
2	I know the key themes and how they relate to specific moments/quotations and the writer's purpose/message.		The Essential Knowledge Organiser Key themes video
3	I know a range of vocabulary to describe each character and their actions.		English Revision Website
4	I know a range of key quotations for each character and theme.		Macbeth quote table Seneca - quotations
5	I know the key symbols/motifs in the play and how they relate to the key themes.		The Essential Knowledge Organiser
6	I know the symbolic meaning of characters/events (what each represents) and how this relates to the writer's purpose.		English Revision Website The Essential Knowledge Organiser
7	I know several key events which occurred at the time the play was written/set and how they relate to key themes/moments.		Macbeth context video English Revision Website
8	I know the social/political views that relate to the play/writer's purpose/message.		English Revision Website
9	I know the values/beliefs of the audience at the time the play was written and how they relate to key details in the play.		English Revision Website
10	I know the genre/form of the play and am able to explain the significance of this.		English Revision Website
11	I know key stylistic features relevant to the play (language, structure, dramatic methods)		English Revision Website
12	I know how to answer and structure an exam question (including timings, assessment objectives etc).		The Essential Knowledge Organiser English Revision Website

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Essential Knowledge Checklists: **A Christmas Carol**



ACC ESSENTIAL REVISION CHECKLIST:		RAG LINKS:
1	I know the plot well and can explain the key events in each stave.	Plot summary English Revision Website
2	I know the key themes and how they relate to specific moments/quotations and the writer's purpose/message.	The Essential Knowledge Organiser English Revision Website
3	I know a range of vocabulary to describe each character and their actions.	English Revision Website
4	I know a range of key quotations for each character and theme.	ACC quote table Seneca - quotations
5	I know the key symbols/motifs in the novella and how they relate to the key themes.	The Essential Knowledge Organiser
6	I know the symbolic meaning of characters/events (what each represents) and how this relates to the writer's purpose.	English Revision Website The Essential Knowledge Organiser
7	I know several key events which occurred at the time the novella was written/set and how they relate to key themes/moments.	Macbeth context video English Revision Website
8	I know the social/political views that relate to the novella/writer's purpose/message.	English Revision Website
9	I know the values/beliefs of the reader at the time the novella was written and how they relate to key details in the text.	English Revision Website
10	I know the genre/form of the novella and am able to explain the significance of this.	English Revision Website
11	I know key stylistic features relevant to the novella (language and structure)	English Revision Website
12	I know how to answer and structure an exam question (including timings, assessment objectives etc).	The Essential Knowledge Organiser English Revision Website

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Essential Revision Checklists: **An Inspector Calls**



AIC ESSENTIAL REVISION CHECKLIST:		RAG LINKS:	
1	I know the plot well and can explain the key events in each act.		Plot summary English Revision Website
2	I know the key themes and how they relate to specific moments/quotations and the writer's purpose/message.		The Essential Knowledge Organiser English Revision Website
3	I know a range of vocabulary to describe each character and their actions.		English Revision Website
4	I know a range of key quotations for each character and theme.		Theme quotations /Character quotations / Seneca quotations
5	I know the key symbols/motifs in the play and how they relate to the key themes.		The Essential Knowledge Organiser
6	I know the symbolic meaning of characters/events (what each represents) and how this relates to the writer's purpose.		English Revision Website The Essential Knowledge Organiser
7	I know several key events which occurred at the time the play was written/set and how they relate to key themes/moments.		Macbeth context video English Revision Website
8	I know the social/political views that relate to the play/writer's purpose/message.		English Revision Website
9	I know the values/beliefs of the audience at the time the play was written and how they relate to key details in the play.		English Revision Website
10	I know the genre/form of the play and am able to explain the significance of this.		English Revision Website
11	I know key stylistic features relevant to the play (language, structure, dramatic methods)		English Revision Website
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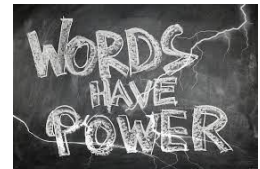
Essential Knowledge Checklists: **L&R Poetry**



POETRY ESSENTIAL REVISION CHECKLIST:		RAG	LINKS:
1	I know each poem well and am able to explain the ideas in each.		The Essential Knowledge Organiser English Revision Website
2	I know the key themes and how they relate to the writer's purpose/message		The Essential Knowledge Organiser English Revision Website
3	I know a range of vocabulary to describe each poem.		English Revision Website
4	I know a range of key quotations for each poem.		Seneca - quotations
5	I know the key symbols and motifs in each poem.		English Revision Website
6	I know 40 common symbols in literature.		Quizlet
7	I know key events which occurred at the time each poem was written/set.		English Revision Website
8	I know the biographical details/social/political views that relate to each poem/writer's purpose.		English Revision Website
9	I know the values/beliefs of the reader at the time each poem was written.		English Revision Website
10	I know the genre and form of the poem and am able to explain the significance of this.		English Revision Website
11	I know the key stylistic features of the poem (language and structure).		English Revision Website
12	I know how to answer and structure an exam question (including timings, assessment objectives etc).		The Essential Knowledge Organiser English Revision Website

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Essential Knowledge Checklists: **Paper 1 & Paper 2**



All the knowledge below can be found via the [English Revision Website](#) and the [Video Walkthroughs](#) for each question.

LANGUAGE ESSENTIAL REVISION CHECKLIST:		RAG EXTRA LINKS:
1	I know the differences between Paper 1 and Paper 2.	Walkthroughs
2	I know the timings and marks for each question on Paper 1.	Process sheet
3	I know the timings and marks for each question on Paper 2.	Process sheet
4	I know what I have to do for Paper 1 Question 1.	Mr Bruff tutorial
5	I know what I have to do for Paper 1 Question 2.	Mr Bruff tutorial
6	I know what I have to do for Paper 1 Question 3.	Mr Bruff tutorial
7	I know what I have to do for Paper 1 Question 4.	Mr Bruff tutorial
8	I know what I have to do for Paper 1 Question 5.	Mr Bruff tutorial
9	I know what I have to do for Paper 2 Question 1.	Mr Bruff tutorial
10	I know what I have to do for Paper 2 Question 2.	Mr Bruff tutorial
11	I know what I have to do for Paper 2 Question 3.	Mr Bruff tutorial
12	I know what I have to do for Paper 2 Question 4.	Mr Bruff tutorial
13	I know what I have to do for Paper 2 Question 5.	Mr Bruff tutorial
14	I know what it means / how to analyse language (Paper 1 & 2)	Process sheet
15	I know what it means / how to analyse structure (Paper 1)	Process sheet
16	I know what it means / how to evaluate (Paper 1)	Process sheet
17	I know what it means / how to write a description (Paper 1)	Process sheet
18	I know what it means / how to write a narrative (Paper 1)	Process sheet
19	I know how to structure a description or narrative (Paper 1)	Exemplar P1Q5
20	I know what it means / how to write a summary (Paper 2)	Process sheet
21	I know what it means / how to write a comparison (Paper 2)	Process sheet
22	I know what it means / how to write persuasively (Paper 2)	Exemplar P2Q5
23	I know the different text types (e.g. letter/article/speech) that I may be asked to write in and their conventions (Paper 2)	Process sheet
24	I know what the examiner is looking for when it comes to the technical accuracy of my writing (Paper 1 & 2)	Writing Feedback Codes + Resources
25	I know how to achieve the highest marks in Paper 1	Exemplar P1Q5
26	I know how to achieve the highest marks in Paper 2	Exemplar P2Q5

GENERAL

- Explain to your parents what homework you have - show it to them.
- Revise actively – always read with a highlighter and highlight key points sparingly
- While using the revision guides or online resources above, stop and test yourself. Answer suggested questions and create your own.
- Create a revision timetable so each part of the exam is revisited several times
- Revise effectively – take rest breaks!
- Come to the English GCSE revision classes in CS1/C4 after school every Tuesday
- Use the RIC or the OLA to revise and study

RECOMMENDED STUDY GUIDES

The best study guides are your books/folders. These contain all notes made during the course, practice essays and feedback, and mocks/feedback over the two year course.

CGP provide study guides and workbooks for all aspects of the exam.

USEFUL WEBSITES TO SUPPORT THE REVISION OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

<http://www.sparknotes.com/sparknotes/>

(for literature texts only – doesn't include the poems)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/education/examspecs/zcbchv4>

(For AQA Language)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/education/examspecs/zxqncwx>

(For AQA Literature – all texts)

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/exams-administration/exams-guidance/find-past-papers-and-mark-schemes>

(exam board website – select language or literature on the drop down menu)

Check the homework drive on Google, and/or Google classroom for key resources shared there by your class teacher.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/mrbruff>

You will find a range of videos here on every paper and text of you exams

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iN6IMZFwY50&t=64s>

The animated tale is a good way to revise plot, character and some key quotes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZmOioOyFMRk&t=2913s>

best audiobook of A Christmas Carol.