



English Revision Information Evening

English Language and Literature
How to Revise for Success

HOW TO REVISE FOR ENGLISH

English is two separate GCSEs.

You will need to revise for English Literature and English Language as two separate subjects. This means you will have twice as much English as other subjects on your revision schedule!

English Literature (EDUQAS)

- Paper 1: Macbeth and Poetry Anthology (18 poems)
- Paper 2: An Inspector Calls, A Christmas Carol and Unseen Poetry

English Language (EDUQAS)

- Paper 1: Fiction reading and narrative writing
- Paper 2: Non-fiction reading and transactional writing

HOW TO REVISE FOR ENGLISH

Remember, English is just like any other subject. You need to learn, rehearse and remember the strategies and knowledge for success.

English Literature

- Re-read and annotate texts
- Wider reading
- Character trackers
- Theme trackers
- Revision of context
- Understanding the writers' intentions

English Language

- Read, read, read
- Plan written tasks
- Practice papers
- Learn and remember strategies for each question type
- Develop a voice in your writing



Character and Theme Tracking

SCROOGE'S ROAD TO REDEMPTION

Stave 1

In stave 1 Scrooge is

- ✓
- ✓
- ✓
- ✓

The ghost

- ✓

Stave 2

In stave 2 Scrooge is

- ✓
- ✓
- ✓
- ✓
- ✓

The ghost

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- ✓
- ✓
- ✓

Stave 3

In stave 3 Scrooge is

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- ✓
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The ghost

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Stave 4

In stave 4 Scrooge is

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- ✓
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The ghost

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Stave 5

In stave 5 Scrooge is

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- ✓
- ✓
- ✓
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The ghosts have

- ✓
- ✓
- ✓
- ✓
- ✓

Sheila Birling

INSTINCTIVE
FEEL FOR THE TRUTH
"all last summer [...] you never came near me"

WILLING TO SPEAK UP
"I think it was a mean thing to do"

SOCIALLY AWARE
"These girls aren't cheap labour - they're people"

GUILTY
"I felt rotten about it at the time and now I feel a lot worse"

INTUITIVE
"Why - you fool - he knows"

AWARE
"He's giving us the rope so that we'll hang ourselves"

MATERIALISTIC
"Now I really feel engaged"

PATRONISED
"run along"

PROTECTED
"there isn't the slightest reason why my daughter should be dragged into this unpleasant business"

SELF-CENTRED
"Oh I wish you hadn't told me"

SYMPATHETIC
"It's a rotten shame"

VINDICTIVE JEALOUS
"if she'd been some miserable plain little creature, I don't suppose I'd have done it"

INSPECTOR-LIKE
"Were you seeing her last spring, and summer [...] ? Were you?"

BITTER
"I'm supposed to be engaged to the hero of it"

RESPONSIBLE
"Miss Birling has just been made to understand what she did to this girl. She feels responsible"

HOPE FOR FUTURE
"They're more impressionable [...] the young ones"

MATURES
"You and I aren't the same people who sat down to dinner here"

ENLIGHTENED
"If all that's come out tonight is true, then it doesn't much matter who it was who made us confess"

Character	Impression	Why have they been constructed?
Mr Birling	Unlikeable, arrogant, self-centred	Priestley's criticism of capitalist mindset
Sheila	Perceptive, intelligent, quick to change	Symbol of hope for the younger generations
Inspector Goole	Purposeful, intrusive, authoritative	Priestley's mouthpiece within the text

ENGLISH LITERATURE

For a top grade, you need to see characters as **constructs** and **concepts...**



ENGLISH LANGUAGE

“BUT YOU CAN'T REALLY REVISE FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE, CAN YOU?”

- Everything you read will prepare you for your English language exam
- Keeping an eye on the news and current topics of debate will help you to have ideas.
- You should read fiction and non-fiction in a critical way, considering ideas about perspective, audience, purpose and text type
- You should approach the exam strategies in a scientific way. There is a formula to follow to provide a successful response.



ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Revision Strategies

- Set a 45 minute timer and plan and write a story.
- Set a 30 minute timer and write a speech, article, letter or review.
- Mind-map your thoughts and opinions on current topics (e.g. environmental concerns, animals in captivity, City of Culture, things to do in your local area, young people's mental health....they could ask you anything!)



ENGLISH LANGUAGE



- For a top grade, you must establish an interesting voice in your narrative
- How can you show the personality of your narrator through the voice of your story?

a) It really wasn't the result I was looking for. "That's it! ~~go~~ Get out all of you!" Her shrill, American twang cut through the thick midnight air and spelled trouble for all of us upstairs, myself included.

Mrs Phillips was a new transfer teacher from ~~AMERICA~~ New Jersey and like all new teachers, she had decided to rule with an iron fist. ~~My~~ ~~my~~ ~~my~~ constant "yabberings" as she put it with Amber, past 12 o'clock at night had served as an ~~excuse~~ ^{excuse} to make an example of us. ✓ accomplished

ENGLISH LANGUAGE



- For a top grade transactional writing, you must use real life examples.
- It should feel like you are writing for a real audience.
- Reading a wide range of non-fiction will help.



Revision tips from successful students

- Big paper and Post-Its
- Stick things up where you will see them
- Flashcards and test each other
- Revise in a small group
- Know your characters
- Do lots of practice questions



NEXT STEPS....

- Re-read and annotate texts
 - Trackers
 - Wider reading
- Know your questions
 - Plan and write
 - Timed responses
- Multiple choice test booklets

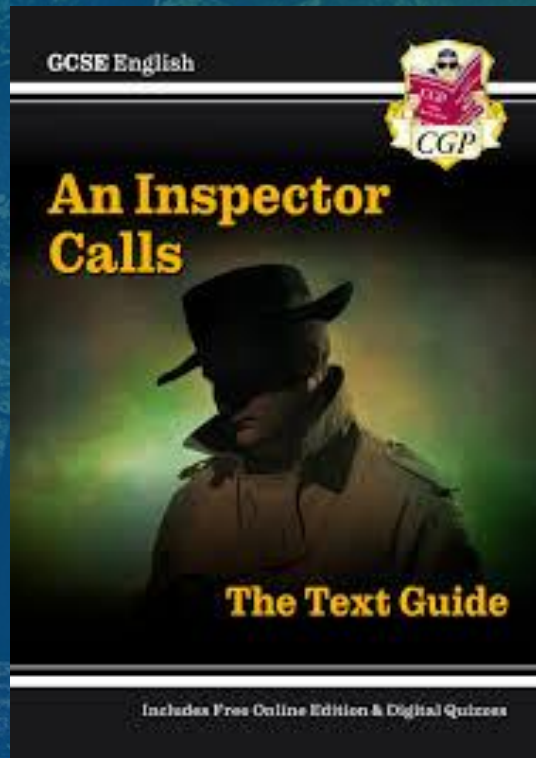




Useful Websites...

- Microsoft Teams—your child's teacher will upload bespoke revision resources for their class to Teams.
- www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/English-literature
- www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/English-language
 - BBC Bitesize (Eduqas English Literature)
 - BBC Bitesize (Eduqas English Language)

Revision Guides Available...



You can now buy discounted revision guides through school for the following areas:

- An Inspector Calls
- Macbeth
- A Christmas Carol
- Poetry Anthology
- Unseen Poetry
- English Language workbooks



Any Questions?

Thank you for your time and for supporting your child through their English revision.

