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Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 11: GCSE English Language and GCSE English Literature Revision Guides

To support your child in their preparations for their English Language and English Literature exams, we would like to suggest purchasing the following revision guides and workbooks which have exercises and sample exam questions. These books will help students consolidate their understanding of the literature texts, offer opportunities to practise Language skills, and help students to complete revision HBL tasks set by their teacher.

You may have already purchased revision guides for your child – the ones below are a suggestion and other good revision guides are available.

For English Language, we recommend students use:

CGP: GCSE English Language AQA Exam Practice Workbook

<https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/secondary-books/gcse/english/english-lang/enaw41-gcse-english-language-aqa-exam>

CGP: GCSE English Language AQA Revision Guide

<https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/secondary-books/gcse/english/english-lang/enar41-gcse-english-language-aqa-revision>

For English Literature, we recommend students use the following to support their revision:

York Notes: Macbeth

<https://www.yorknotes.com/gcse/english-literature/macbeth-gcse-2017/overview>

York Notes: An Inspector Calls

<https://www.yorknotes.com/gcse/english-literature/an-inspector-calls-2017/overview>

Online resources are available to buy alongside the printed York Notes. York Notes also offer Practice Test books, which will be useful from January onwards when we start to revise in earnest.

Students are currently studying Macbeth and are set to complete this by October half term. At that point, we will start to return to year 10 content, revising knowledge and practising skills for the exams.



As a reminder, students have four English exams – two in Literature and two in Language – but the content of these exams have changed for this year only in response to the pandemic. Students will no longer be examined on Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde, which they studied at the end of Year 10. The English exams will therefore be structured as follows:

English Literature Paper 1: Macbeth and Unseen poetry

English Literature Paper 2: An Inspector Calls and AQA Poetry Anthology - Love and Relationships cluster

There are no changes to the English Language exams.

If you have any queries regarding the purchase of revision guides or the changes to English Literature exams, please do not hesitate to contact your child's English teacher.

Yours sincerely,

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