

## Year 11 GCSEs –English

### English Language:

- Two exams – both test students’ reading and writing skills.
- Reading Section includes texts from:
  - The nineteenth century
  - The twentieth century
  - The twenty first century
- The Writing Section of each paper has a writing task which is worth 50% of the whole paper and 40% of the marks in the writing section are awarded for spelling, punctuation and grammar.



### English Literature:

- Key texts:
  - ‘A Christmas Carol’ by Charles Dickens
  - ‘Lord of the Flies’ by William Golding
  - Poetry Anthology – cluster (‘Power and Conflict’)
  - ‘Macbeth’ by William Shakespeare
  - Students’ own copies
- Exams will be ‘closed book’ (you do not have the text in front of you)

### What we are doing this year (in Year 11):

- **Autumn Term:**
  - Poetry – (‘Power and Conflict’ & ‘Unseen’)
  - ‘Macbeth’ by William Shakespeare
  - Language Paper Two
  - Exam Preparation/ Practice & revisiting of Year 10 texts and poetry
- **Spring Term:**
  - Continued weaving through of ‘Macbeth’ & Poetry
  - Revisiting Literature texts from Year 10 (‘Lord of the Flies’ & ‘A Christmas Carol’) & exam preparation
  - Exam Practice
- **Summer Term:**
  - Final exam preparation & exams

### How to Revise:

- **Reread the novels:** *Lord of the Flies* & *A Christmas Carol*
- **Flash cards** – key quotes, information, context
- **CGP study guides** – choose a focus (eg a character or a theme) to focus on – targeted approach  
<https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/secondary-books/gcse/english?srltid=AfmBOop0RwlWOLQvnA7ZP6q73ezABkT42prPA9TrbhbbLxjojVe35pi>
- **Use youtube / the internet** – Mr Bruff, Mr Salles & Dr Aiden videos & other short video clips on youtube; BBC bitesize as a study guide tool
- **Use the AQA website** for exam practice questions / papers – plan answers to questions, read & summarise texts from the language exams
- **Know all the key descriptive & rhetorical devices** – again use flashcards to help with this
- **Create revision folders** to organise your notes
- **Attend revision sessions with English teachers**

