

# GCSE English Language and English Literature

- ▶ Students will have to sit 4 exams in summer 2018

English Language exams:

1. Analysis of a fiction text and descriptive writing (1h 45)
2. Analysis of 2 non-fiction texts and argumentative/persuasive writing (1h 45)

English Literature exams:

1. *Macbeth* and *Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde* (1h 45)
2. *An Inspector Calls*, anthology poetry and unseen poetry (2h 15)

# Key information

- ▶ Students will not be able to take texts into the exams so they will need to learn quotes to use in their essays
- ▶ The pass grade (C grade equivalent) for this year is a grade 5

# Assessment

The students will be sitting 2 formal mock exams in the hall:

- ▶ December 2017 – English Language
- ▶ February/March 2018 – English Literature

The remaining 2 exam papers will be covered by assessments in exam conditions in class so that the students have sat mock exams for each of the 4 exam papers

# Support

- ▶ Revision sessions will be running from now on a Monday from 3-4pm in room En1
- ▶ These will focus on the English Language exam from now until the December mock exam, and then after this on the English Literature exam
- ▶ We will also be running revision/support sessions during morning registration and in the Easter holidays

# What the students need to be doing

- ▶ Homework must be completed to the best of the students' abilities
- ▶ Attend revision sessions or speak to their teachers for help
- ▶ Read the texts, make quote banks and learn these quotes
- ▶ Watch film/TV versions of the texts to help enhance their understanding

# Useful revision resources

- ▶ BBC Bitesize website – GCSE English Language and English Literature
- ▶ AQA website for sample exam questions ([AQA.org.uk](http://AQA.org.uk))
- ▶ ‘Mr Bruff’ videos on Youtube

# Contact

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