

English Literature

**Exam Board Details:**

English Language, AQA

Mock exams: These will be held within the English department in the New Year.

GCSE exams: Paper 1 Tuesday 5th June (AM) and Paper 2 Friday 8th June (AM). Both papers are 1hr 45mins.

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| **Paper 1: Explorations in creative reading and writing** | **Paper 2: Writers’ viewpoints and perspectives** |
| How is it assessed?  Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes  80 Marks  50% of GCSE | How is it assessed?  Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes  80 marks  50% of GCSE |
| Section A: Reading  40 Marks (a combination of questions)  One literature fiction text will be provided. The questions will be based on this text.  Section B: Writing  40 Marks (extended writing question)  You will be expected to write a piece of descriptive of narrative writing. | Section A: Reading  40 Marks (A combination of questions)  You will be asked to answer questions based on two linked text. These will be:   * One non-fiction text * One literary non-fiction text   Section B: Writing  40 Marks (extended writing question)  You will be asked to write to represent a viewpoint, e.g. a letter to argue a viewpoint on a given topic. |
| Non examination assessment: Speaking and listening  This will test your ability to present, respond to questions and feedback and your use of Standard English | |

**What is being studied this year:**

The students have recently focused on literature and are studying the play Macbeth for their literature exam. However every week there is a dedicated lesson to English Language skills where pupils develop exam techniques. There will be more focused lessons leading up to the English Language mock papers in November.

There will be no new learning after the pupils have finished studying Macbeth. The rest of the time will be dedicated to revisiting skills and texts for the exam.

**What Can You Do To Support Your Child?**

**Revision for Mock Exams**

The English department are offering revision workshops on a Monday after school. The pupils are expected to come to the session with some work/past paper/revision material etc that they would like to work on. Resources will also be provided. There will be several English teachers available to help with the tasks.

**Resources**

There are a range of CGP books for each of the texts that we study along with revision material for the English Language papers.

Please follow the English Department’s Twitter page @CamsHillEnglish where we post useful resources.

Mr.Bruff on youtube breaks down the exam papers along with the guides and tips on how to answer them.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zr9d7ty> BBC bitesize

<http://www.s-cool.co.uk/gcse/english>