

English Literature

**Exam Board Details:**

English Literature, AQA

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

GCSE exams: Paper 1 Tuesday 22nd May (AM) 1hour 45mins and Paper 2 Friday 25th May (AM) 2hours 15mins.

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| **Paper 1: Shakespeare and the 19th Century Novel** | **Paper 2: Modern Prose or Drama and Poetry** |
| How is it assessed?  Written exam: 1 hr 45 mins  64 Marks  40% of GCSE | How is it assessed?  Written exam: 2 hour 15 minutes  96 marks  60% of GCSE |
| Questions  Section A Shakespeare: One question on your play. Write in detail about an extract from the play and then write about the play as a whole.  Section B The 19th-century novel: One question on your novel. Write in detail  about an extract from the novel and then  write about the novel as a whole. | Questions  Section A Modern texts: One essay question from a choice of two on your studied modern prose or drama text.  Section B Poetry: One comparative question on one named poem printed on the paper and one other poem from your chosen anthology cluster.  Section C Unseen poetry: One question on one unseen poem and one question comparing this poem with a second unseen poem. |

**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 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?**

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**

Each pupil should have their own copy of each of the set texts:

Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde by R.L Stevenson, ISBN: 978-1-85326-061-2

An Inspector Calls by J.B Priestley, ISBN: 978-0-435232-82-5

Macbeth by William Shakespeare, ISBN 978-1-107-61549-6

Each pupil has been issued with an anthology from the exam board.

All exams are now closed book which means that the pupils are not able to take the text into the exam, nor will they be provided with a text. The pupils are expected to know key quotations.

We suggest that the pupils re-read the texts studied and try to learn key quotations for key characters and themes.

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

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

Mr.Bruff on youtube breaks down the each set text along with tips on how to answer them.

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

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