



# GCSE English Language and Literature (Mrs Britton)

## Year 11 Curriculum Evening



# The Two GCSE Courses

<b>EDEXCEL English Language 2.0</b>	
Paper 1	Non-fiction Texts Reading and Writing EXAM
Paper 2	Contemporary Texts Reading and Writing EXAM
S&L Endorsement	Presentation in front of an audience

<b>Edexcel English Literature</b>	
Paper 1	Macbeth and An Inspector Calls EXAM
Paper 2	A Christmas Carol and Poetry EXAM

100% Exam  
Assessment!



# English Language 2.0



Paper 1: Non-fiction texts	Paper 2: Contemporary Texts
<b>50% of English Language GCSE</b> <b>1 hour 55 minutes - 80 marks available</b>	<b>50% of English Language GCSE</b> <b>1 hour 55 minutes - 80 marks available</b>
<b>Section A: Reading</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Read 2 thematically linked unseen non-fiction extracts</li><li>• 6 Questions (3 on each text) will test understanding, word identification, and evaluation</li></ul>	<b>Section A: Reading</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Read 2 extracts of unseen fiction and literary non-fiction texts</li><li>• 6 Questions (2 on the first text, 2 on the second text and 2 questions on both together)</li></ul>
<b>Section B: Writing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A choice of transactional tasks (argue, explain, advise, persuade)</li></ul>	<b>Section B: Writing</b> A choice of imaginative writing tasks

# English Literature



<b>Paper 1: Shakespeare and Post 1914 Literature</b> <b>50% of English Literature GCSE</b> <b>1 hour 45 minutes - 80 marks available</b>	<b>Paper 2: 19<sup>th</sup> Century Novel and Poetry</b> <b>50% of English Language GCSE</b> <b>2 hours 15 minutes - 80 marks available</b>
<b>Section A: Shakespeare 'Macbeth'</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• One two-part question</li><li>• Respond to a short extract</li><li>• Respond to the whole play</li></ul>	<b>Section A: 19<sup>th</sup> Century Novel 'A Christmas Carol'</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• One two-part question</li><li>• Respond to a short extract</li><li>• Respond to the whole novel</li></ul>
<b>Section B: Post 1914 Literature 'An Inspector Calls'</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• One extended essay question</li></ul>	<b>Section B: Poetry 'Conflict'</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• One question comparing poems you have studied</li><li>• One question comparing unseen poems</li></ul>



## English Literature: Knowledge

## **Organise yourself NOW to save yourself LATER**

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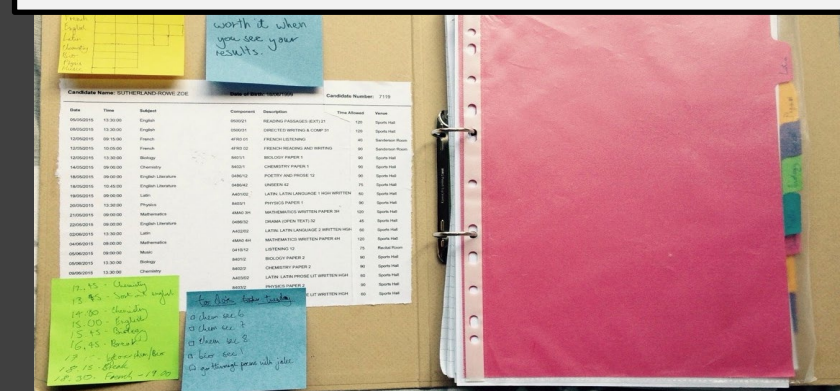
Students should be making revision materials now and should not wait until PPEs to do this. As part of homework activities, you can be creating a bank of the revision resources like the ones displayed on the next slide.

## English Language: Skills

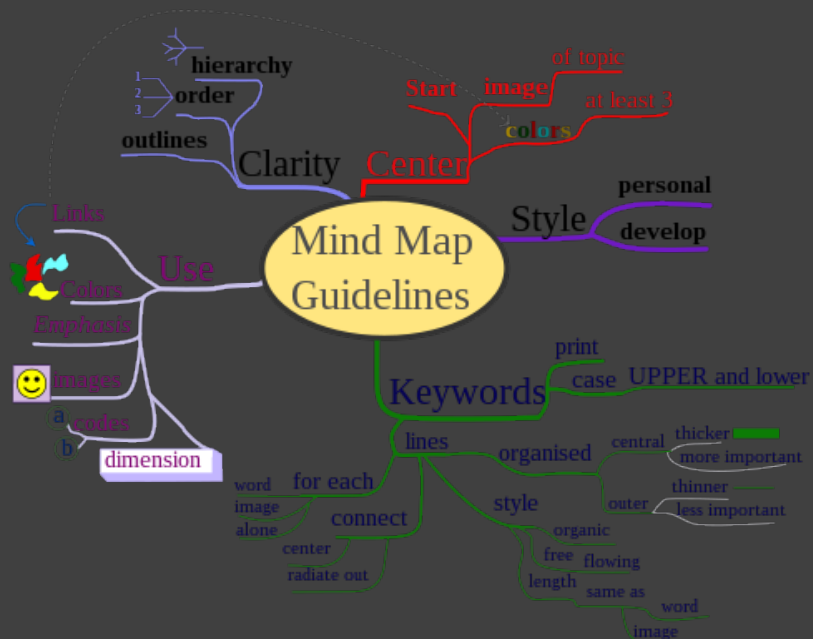
## **Practise, Practise, Practise!**

- **Key words and terminology**
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# Revision we LOVE





# How we will help

- High quality teaching – 5 lessons a week
- Regular assessment and feedback, including PPE (mock) exams
- Revision workshops throughout the course
- Knowledge organisers, booklets and Sparx Reader access to set texts
- Revision booklets, past papers and resources on the website
- Intervention sessions where needed



# How you can help

- Make sure homework is completed to a high standard (See Classcharts)
- Ensure they have access to space and resources for revision
- Encourage your child to attend additional workshop sessions if they are invited
- Talk to them about what they are learning
- Continue to encourage opportunities to read, write and talk using an extended vocabulary
- Reinforce the idea that they are responsible for their own revision and organising their resources and revision time



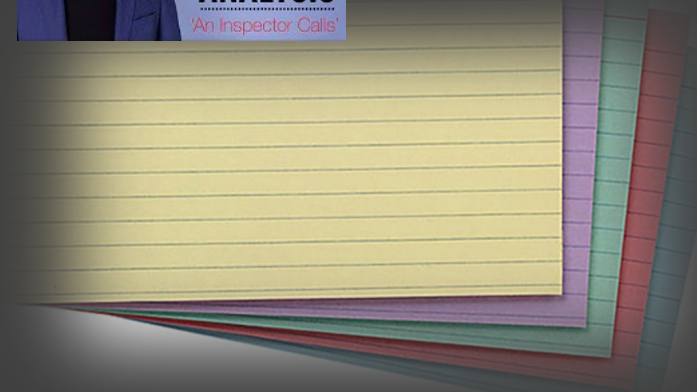


# Useful Revision Resources

<https://www.sparknotes.com>

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

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCM2vdqz-7e4HAuzhpFuRY8w>





# Questions?



If you have specific questions regarding helping your children to prepare for examinations in English then please don't hesitate to email me or Miss Evans:

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