

How to revise for GCSE English Language and Literature

In addition to the tasks in this booklet, here are some suggested activities that will help you prepare thoroughly for your final exams.

Practising is the best way of improving, but there is no need to do whole papers at once. Decide what your weakest questions are and complete practice questions in the time you would be given in the exam.

The English intranet is here:

<https://sites.google.com/george-spencer.notts.sch.uk/english>

If you have problems with your Google login, email Miss L Stevens.

- Re-read the texts
- Watch the screencasts for the different tasks on the intranet
- Revise key subject terminology – you can find lists at the back of the Nineteenth Century Fiction booklets and the Writer's Viewpoints and Perspectives booklets on the intranet.
- Select a random extract from your Shakespeare play, *A Christmas Carol* or *An Inspector Calls* and analyse how a character/theme are presented. Make notes on links with the rest of the play.
- Learn quotations for everything.
- Annotate quotations for methods used by the writer to create effects for the reader.
- Make quotation flash cards.
- Revise the overall plot of key texts.
- Read through and complete the activities in the Literature revision booklets you have been given.

There are lots of revision tasks for English Literature on the BBC Bitesize website too.

Where do I get practice papers and questions?

Anthology Poetry – the Love and Relationships booklet on the intranet has an exam question at the end of every set of questions for each poem.

Macbeth or Romeo and Juliet – there are sample essay questions in the relevant sections of the intranet.

Unseen Poetry – There are plenty of practice questions in the Unseen Poetry booklet on the intranet.

An Inspector Calls and A Christmas Carol – There are practice essay questions on the relevant sections on the intranet

Paper 1 – All of the Nineteenth Century Fiction booklets for Years 7-11 on the intranet have practice questions – plan and write as many as you like!

Paper 2 - All of the Writer's Viewpoints and Perspectives booklets for Years 7-11 on the intranet have practice questions – plan and write as many as you like!