

How You Can Help Your Child Revise Effectively in English

For some of our students, formal exams have been something they have not completed regularly or at all. In order to support you to support them effectively at home, we would like to give you the following information:

The topics your child will be tested on are:

- English Language – Viewpoint Reading and Writing
- English Literature – Modern Play: ‘An Inspector Calls’
- English Literature – Anthology Poetry: ‘Power and Conflict’
- English Literature – Unseen Poetry

Suggested Revision Focus:

Week commencing	Focus
6th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revise the background and context of ‘An Inspector Calls’. • Revise the plot of ‘An Inspector Calls’. Develop a clear understanding of timeline and order of events. • Revise the characters and key themes of ‘An Inspector Calls’. Explore how these are presented across the play, as well as a range of key quotations for each.
13th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Try to complete an exam style question linked to ‘An Inspector Calls’. Your teacher can support with supplying this to you. • Revise x3 anthology poems of your choice: focus on the context, poet’s intentions, main meanings and key quotations for each.
20th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revise Viewpoint Writer’s Techniques: DAFOREST. • Try to complete a sample of ‘Viewpoint Reading’ exam style questions. Your teacher can support with supplying this to you. • Revise x3 anthology poems of your choice: focus on the context, poet’s intentions, main meanings and key quotations for each.
27th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revise Viewpoint Writing Success Criteria. • Try to complete a ‘Viewpoint Writing’ response – write a speech or article. Your teacher can support with supplying this to you. • Revise x3 anthology poems of your choice: focus on the context, poet’s intentions, main meanings and key quotations for each.
3rd February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Try to complete an exam style question linked to ‘Anthology Poetry: Power and Conflict’. Your teacher can support with supplying this to you. • Revise x3 anthology poems of your choice: focus on the context, poet’s intentions, main meanings and key quotations for each.
10th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Try to complete an exam style question linked to ‘Unseen Poetry’. Your teacher can support with supplying this to you. • Revise x3 anthology poems of your choice: focus on the context, poet’s intentions, main meanings and key quotations for each.

Recommended revision sites/resources:

- Full text version of the book 'An Inspector Calls' available online.
- Full access to anthology (Power and Conflict) poems online.
- BBC Bitesize
- SparkNotes
- Seneca Learning
- Watch a performance of the play 'An Inspector Calls' – available online or in film version.
- AQA Website: GCSE English Literature
- AQA Website: GCSE English Language

Hints and Tips:

- Re-reading the play and poems is a fantastic form of revision. 'An Inspector Calls' is freely available online. Search for the text plus 'full text' on Google to help you with this.
- If you do re-read the text/poems, or part of them, remember to 'chunk down' your reading. 20 minutes per day will help.
- Revision flashcards and spider diagrams can be supportive in learning key ideas about characters, themes, plot, meanings and important quotations from each text/poem.
- Please remember that this is not a memory test – we want to know that you can write confidently about key quotations during the exam, as well as remember them!
- Try to create your own retrieval tests or quizzes, and test yourself on these / ask someone to test you at a later time or date.
- Ask your teacher to help you to source exam style questions – you can then attempt these at home, in timed conditions, if you wish.

Mocks will run from Wednesday 5th February 2025 to Friday 21st February 2025.