



Y11 English

Information for Parents

Examiner Insights

- No tricks/quick fixes
- Deep understanding needed
- Knowledge of how to answer questions vital
- Not possible to fluke a good grade
- Wide reading essential



English Language GCSE

- 100% Terminal Exam (no tiers of entry)
- Two exam papers – both test reading and writing skills (50% for each)
- Reading skills – comprehension, analysis of language and structure, evaluation
- Separate speaking assessment (pass, merit or distinction)



English Literature GCSE

- 100% Terminal Exam (no tiers of entry)
- Two exam papers –will test knowledge of different literary texts, ability to analyse. All answers require extended essay writing.
- Need to learn quotes, techniques and historical context to do well.
- 10% of marks for SPAG (Spelling, punctuation and grammar)

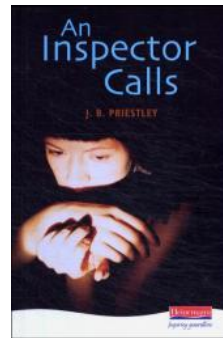
Crossover Skills

- Reading analysis (using PETAL)
- Understanding complex vocabulary)
- Written accuracy



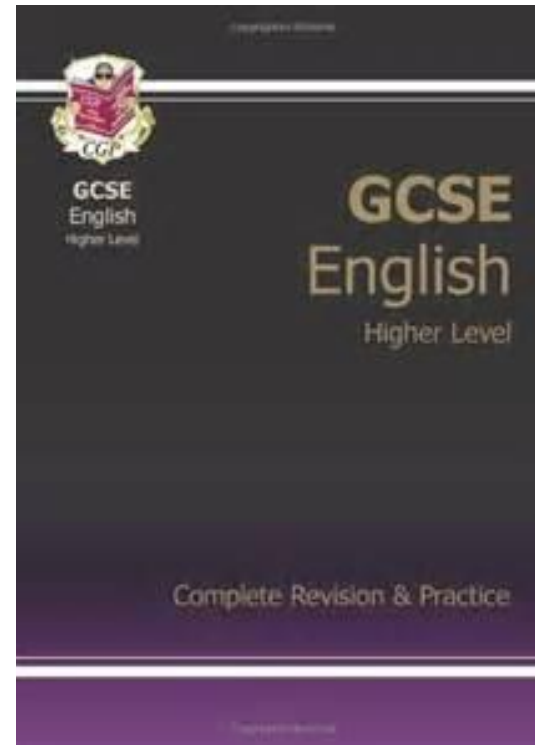
English Literature Texts

- A Christmas Carol
- Macbeth
- An Inspector Calls
- Anthology Poetry



Revision Guides

- CGP Guides
- Available from reception £2.75 each
- Whole set = £16.50



How you can help...



- Encourage your child to read increasingly complex texts regularly.
- Share reading with your child and discuss opinions.
- Discuss complex issues. Encourage them to express themselves and explain their views fully.
- Challenge incorrect grammar and spelling if you spot it.
- Use complex vocabulary whenever possible.
- Challenge under-achievement in progress reports. Email the teacher to ask what your child needs in order to catch up.
- Buy/borrow copies of the set texts.
- Watch and discuss film/theatre versions with your child.

How we will help...

- Share progress information regularly, so you and your child know if they need to do more to meet or exceed their targets.
- Provide after-school support and booster lessons to students who need additional support.
- Set homework that supports learning.



Progress in English

- Final exams = require deep knowledge and embedded skills
- Progress of developing those skills can take time.
- Progression can be slow and then accelerate
- Key concern = effort

