

English Faculty

How can you support your son/daughter in GCSE English?

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**English Language
GCSE**

4 exam
papers

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**English Literature
GCSE**

**Paper 1
Fiction**

**Reading
Unseen
19th
Century
Fiction**

**Imaginati
ve writing**

**1 hour 45 minute
exam**

**Paper 2
Non Fiction**

**Reading
Unseen 20
& 21st
Century
Non-Fiction
(incl.
comparison)**

**Writing a
non-fiction
text
(Transaction
al Writing)**

**2 hours 5 minute
exam**

Paper 1: Drama

Shakespea
re:
**Romeo
and Juliet**

Modern
Drama
**An
Inspector
Calls**

**1 hour 45 minute
exam**

**Paper 2: Prose
and Poetry**

Victorian
Fiction
**Jekyll
and
Hyde**

**Poetry
Unseen
and
Conflict
poetry**

**2 hours 55
minute exam**

Y10 Outline

| Autumn 1 | Autumn 2 | Spring 1 | Spring 2 | Summer 1 | Summer 2 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Romeo and Juliet | Romeo and Juliet | An Inspector Calls | Literature Mock exam revision | Mock exams Lang Paper 2 Lit Paper 1 – R&J and AIC | Poetry: conflict |
| AO2: Language and Structure Analysis AO4 Evaluation Question | AO4 – Evaluation question (continues) Creative writing | Comparing two texts Transactional writing | Mock exam prep – Lang paper 1 and 2 practice | Spoken Language Contribution (Pass-Merit – Distinction award) Mock exam review | |

In school:

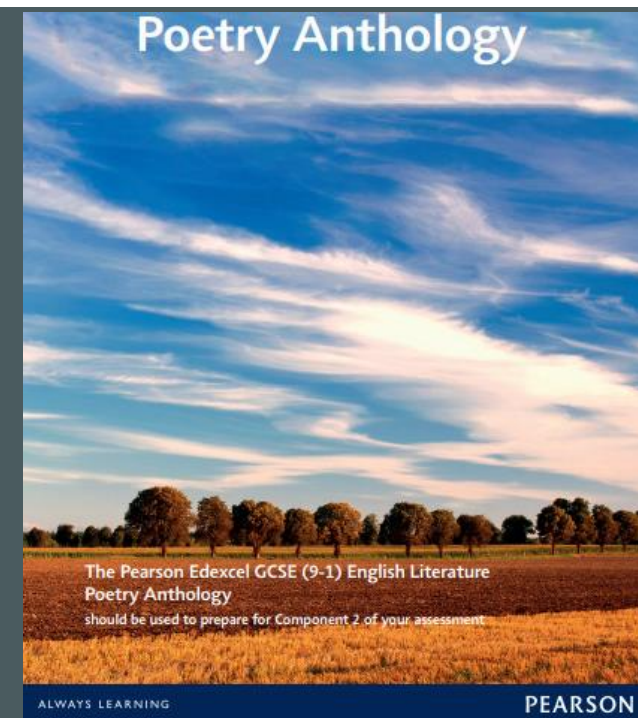
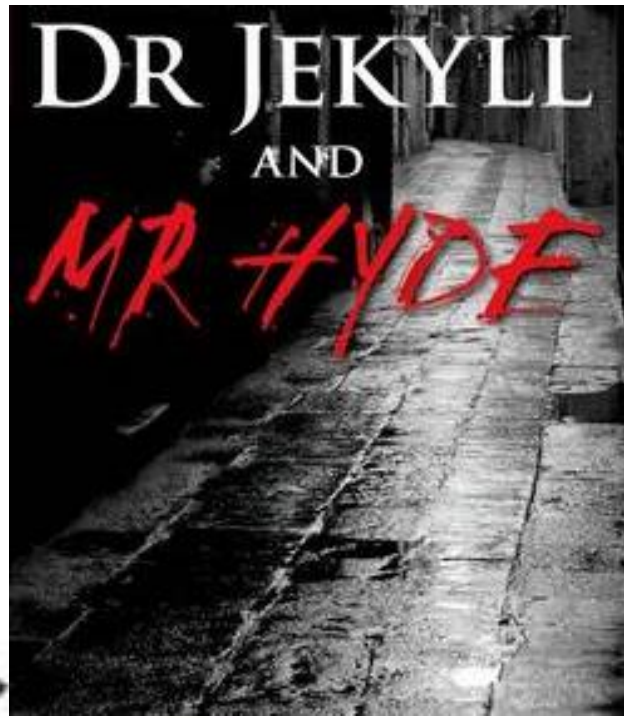
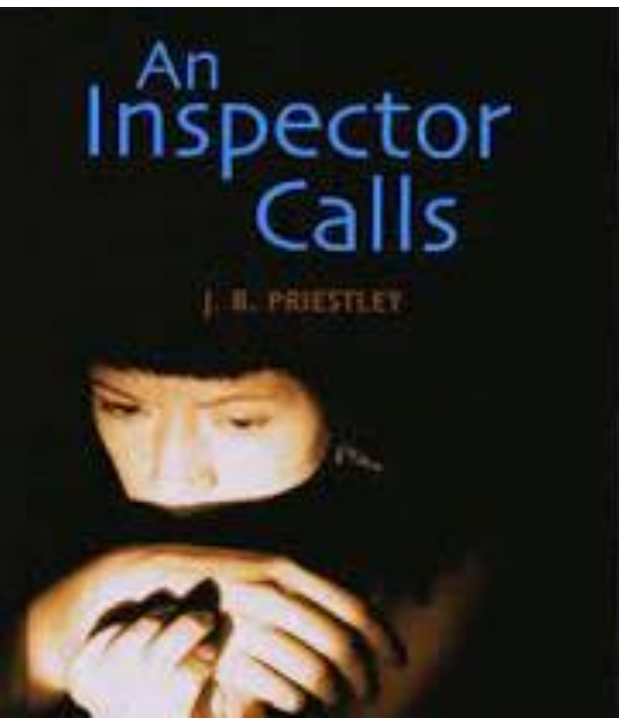
Students have 5 hours of English per week:

- **2 hours of English Language** (on Wednesdays) → students perfect key skills (language and structure analysis, evaluation of authors choices, comparing, imaginative and non fiction writing)
- **3 hours of English Literature text study** → students study plot, characterisation, author's craft , themes and context.
- **a homework task once a week:**
 - language practice
 - reading/analysing a section of a set text
 - essay planning and writing
 - Memorising quotes and context



Essential equipment – Core Texts

- A copy of 'An Inspector Calls' by J.B. Priestley
- A copy of William Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet
- A copy of R.L Stevenson's Dr Jekyll & Mr Hyde
- A copy of the Edexcel Poetry Anthology (given by the school)
- Usual: black pen, green pen, Lit and Lang exercise books, highlighters.



At home: independent work

- Re-read and add to annotations of a studied text
- Use online resources to study a text in more depth
- Read around the text to become an expert: British library, BBC Bitesize, Podcasts , etc...



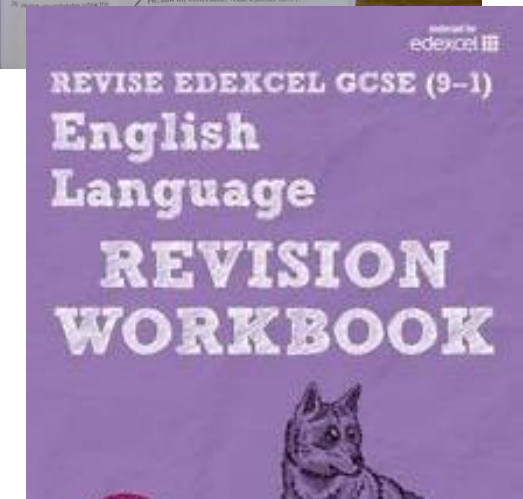
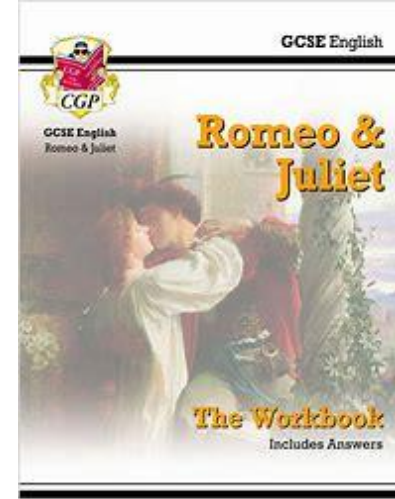
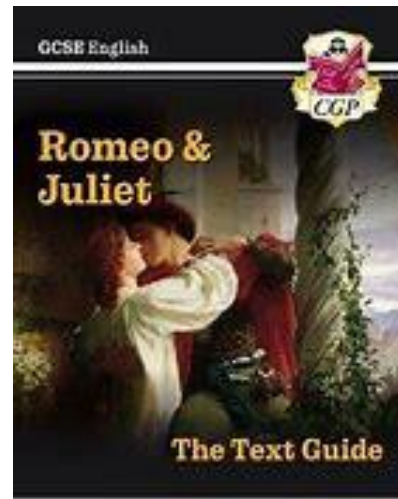
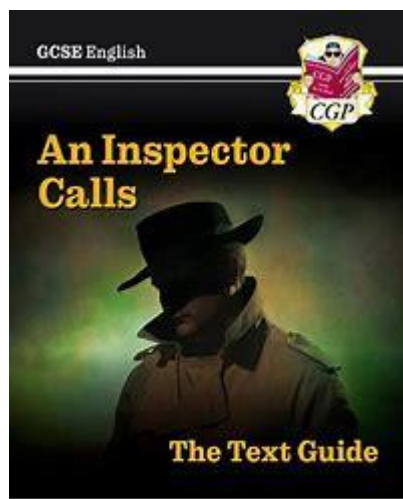
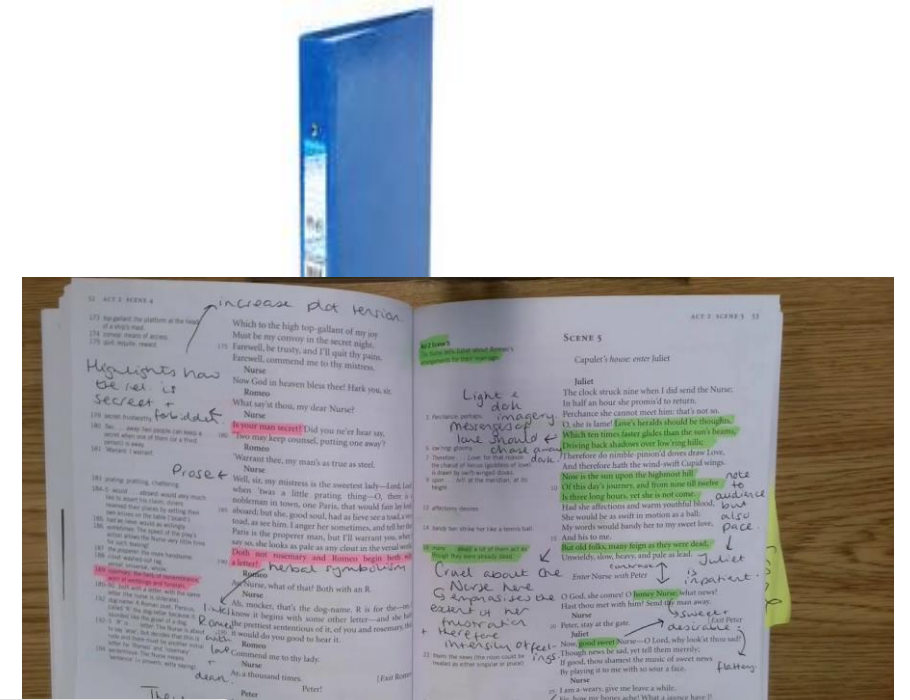
At home: Organising your study notes

- Paper 1, section A – Unseen 19th Century reading
- Paper 1 section B – Imaginative Writing,
- Paper 2, section A – Reading Non-fiction extracts
- Paper 2, section B – Transactional Writing
- English Literature Paper 1, section A – Shakespeare (Romeo & Juliet), Section B: Post 1914 Drama – An Inspector Calls
- English Literature Paper 2, section A – 19th Century fiction (Dr Jekyll & Mr Hyde by Robert Louis Stevenson). Section B - Poetry



How can you help your child in year 10?

- Provide a quiet space for studying
- Help organising the study notes (folder with dividers to keep notes organise)
- Encourage to re-read / add to annotations, read around the texts to deepen the knowledge of the text / context
- Check their texts for annotations
- Revision guides (please speak contact school if you need assistance in buying them)



Useful Websites & Other Assistance:

- **BBC GCSE Bitesize**
- **Edexcel GCSE English/Literature**
<http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/english-language-2015.html>
- www.universalteacher.org.uk , **Andrew Moore's teaching resource site, or any other online analysis sources**
- **KS4 Curriculum Plans** can be found on the school website
- **CGP revision guides**
- **REVISE Edexcel GCSE English Language Revision Workbook: For The 9-1 Exams GCSE**