

**Exam Board:**

AQA for both English Language (8700) and English Literature (8702)

English Language: 100% Exam

English Literature: 100% Exam

Overview of the course:

The focus is on developing a deep understanding of 'Macbeth', 'An Inspector Calls' and 'Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde'. These texts will also be used to teach the pupils how to answer the set question stems from the two English Language Papers. Pupils will also complete one Spoken Language presentation and study a collection of poems from the AQA Power and Relationships cluster.

Subject specific websites:

BBC BITESIZE

Sparknotes

EnglishBiz.co.uk

Youtube: search for Mr Bruff: GCSE English Language 2017, English Literature resources will follow.

English Language Exam

Specimen Papers: <http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-language-8700/assessment-resources>

English Literature Exam

Specimen Papers: <http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-literature-8702/assessment-resources>

Study Guides/Course Texts

We will continue to request that pupils purchase their own copies of the course texts. This allows them to make notes which really benefits their revision. CGP guides are available for 'Macbeth', 'An Inspector Calls' and 'Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde'. These can be bought independently or through school at the beginning of Year 11.

Tips for success

- Complete Home Learning tasks.
- React to teacher feedback after end of unit assessments. Personalised advice will be provided to every student which should inform their revision strategies
- Prepare for each unit test
- Read a wide range of fiction and non-fiction
- The GCSE English Literature exams are closed book. Re-read the 3 core texts regularly to facilitate reference to the text (grade 5-4 criteria) and the use of quotations (grade 9-6 criteria)