

English

Qualifications

Pupils will study for two GCSEs:

- GCSE English Language
- GCSE English Literature

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subject/english/gcse>



Assessment

- Four exams at the end of Year 11 – 2 for Literature, 2 for Language.
- Internal end of unit assessments on each topic.

GCSE English Literature

Unit 1 - Shakespeare & 19th Century Novel

1 hour 45 mins - 40%

Section A
Romeo & Juliet
34 marks
(4 VSPaG)

1 question:
part a on extract
and part b on text
as a whole

Section B
Jekyll & Mr Hyde
30 marks

1 question: part a
on extract and
part b on text as a
whole

Unit 2 - Modern Texts & Poetry

2 hours 15 mins - 60%

Section A
DNA
34 marks
(4 VSPaG)

1 essay from
choice of 2

Section B
Poetry
Anthology
Power &
Conflict cluster
30 marks

compare 1 named
poem to 1 poem of
choice from 15
poems in cluster

Section C -
Unseen
Poetry
32 marks

1 question on
unseen poem & 1
question
comparing with
another unseen
poem

GCSE English Language

Unit 1 - Exploration in Creative Reading & Writing

1 hour 45 mins - 50%

Section A
Literature fiction
text
40 marks

Section B
Descriptive or
narrative Writing
40 marks

Read 1 source then
answer 4 questions

1 extended
writing question
24 marks content,
16 marks SPaG

Unit 2 - Writers' Viewpoints & Perspectives

1 hour 45 mins - 50%

Section A
1 literary non-
fiction and 1 non-
fiction text

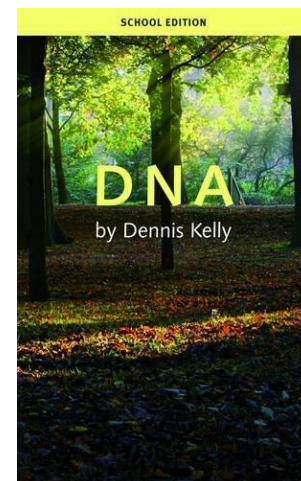
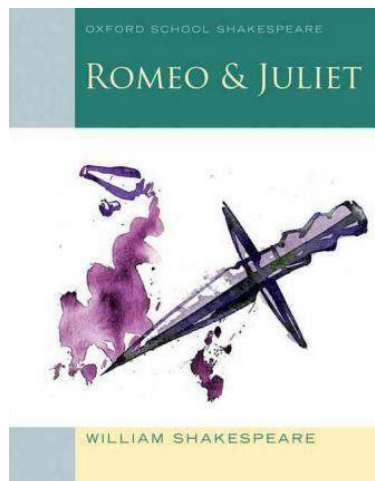
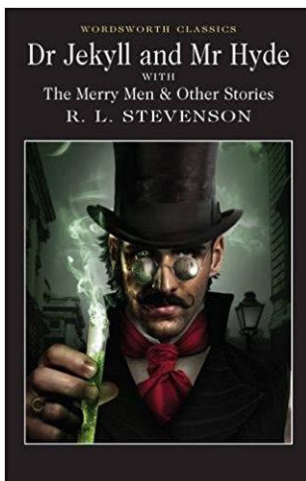
Section B
Writing to
present a
viewpoint

Read 2 linked
sources then
answer 4 questions

1 extended writing
question 24 marks
content, 16 marks
SPaG

Texts

- Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde (978-0141439730)
- Romeo and Juliet (978-0198321668)
- DNA (978-1840029529)
- Poetry Anthology (not publicly available)

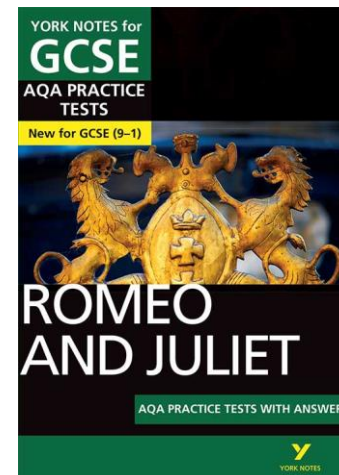
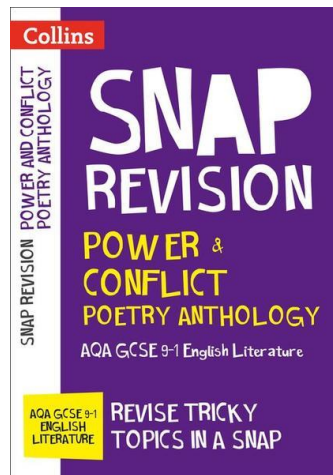
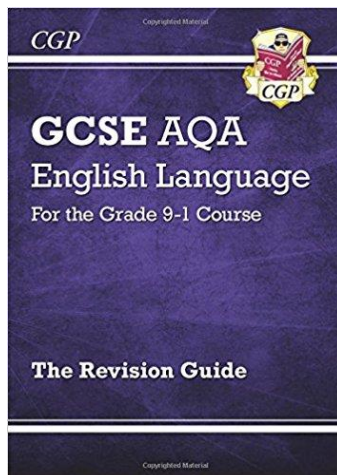


Revision Guides

- CGP

http://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/books_gcse_english_new

- Snap Revision Guides
- York Notes



Analysis: Key Skills

- Recall of key quotations
- Discussion of connotations of key words
- Close analysis of language features
- Appreciation of context
- Effect on the reader/audience of all of the above

Writing: Key Skills

- Breadth of vocabulary
- Linguistic devices
- Paragraphing
- Crafting for purpose/audience/form
- Punctuation
- Sentence forms
- Spelling

How to help

- Reading
- Planning
- Timed exam questions
- Narratives, characters, themes and contexts in the set texts
- Quote recall
- Quotation analysis/explosions
- Quizzes

Our Revision Sessions

- English Department revision sessions will be starting in January – every week until the exams.
- Two sessions running simultaneously – same topic, different focus.
- Open to all students to attend – ask teacher which one most useful.

Other revision resources

- YouTube
- LitCharts
- Quizlet
- GCSE Pod
- Study Tracks
- Get revising



Questions?