

# English

# What qualifications is my child studying for?

Most pupils are studying for two GCSEs:

- GCSE English Language
- GCSE English Literature

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



# When are the exams?

Monday 12th May - English Literature paper 1

Tuesday 20th May - English Literature paper 2

Friday 23rd May - English Language paper 1

Friday 6th June - English Language paper 2

# GCSE English Literature

## Unit 1 - Shakespeare & 19th Century Novel

1 hour 45 mins - 40%

Section A  
Romeo & Juliet  
34 marks  
(4 VSPaG)

Section B  
Jekyll & Mr Hyde  
30 marks

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

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## Unit 2 - Modern Texts & Poetry

2 hours 15 mins - 60%

Section A  
DNA  
34 marks  
(4 VSPaG)

Section B  
Poetry  
Anthology  
Power &  
Conflict cluster  
30 marks

Section C -  
Unseen  
Poetry  
32 marks

1 essay from  
choice of 2

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

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

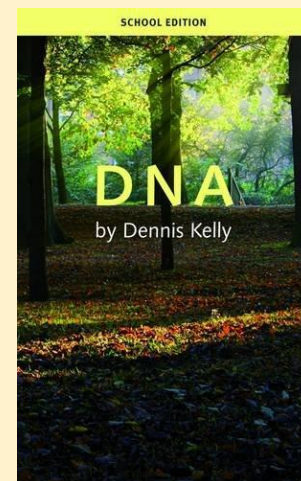
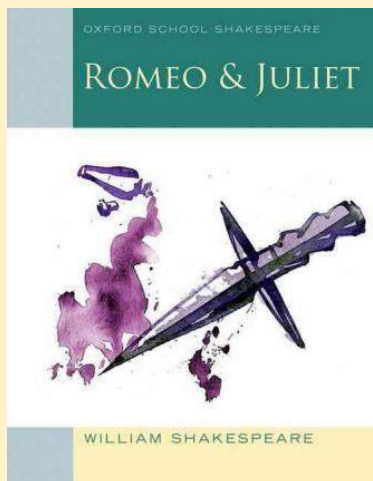
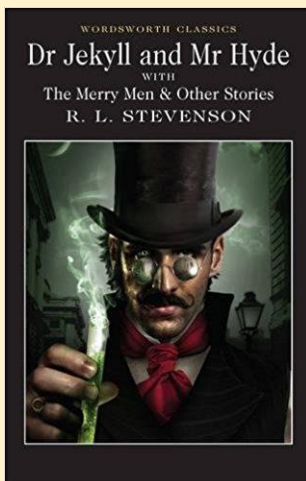
Section B  
Writing to  
present a  
viewpoint

Read 2 linked  
sources then  
answer 4 questions

1 extended writing  
question 24 marks  
content, 16 marks  
SPaG

# Which texts?

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

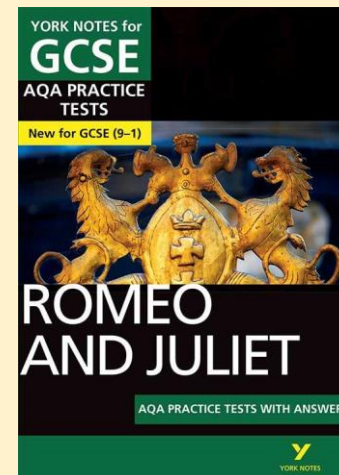
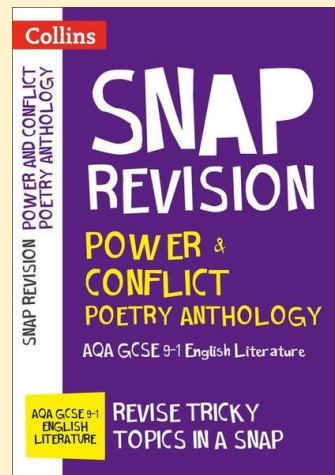
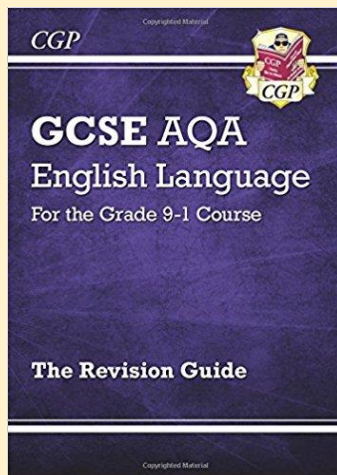


# Which revision guides?

- CGP

[http://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/books\\_gcse\\_english\\_new](http://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/books_gcse_english_new)

- Snap Revision Guides
- York Notes



# Which key skills are they being assessed on?

Reading:

- Recall of key quotations
- Discussion of connotations of key words
- Identification and close analysis of language and structure features
- Appreciation and application of context
- Effect on the reader/audience of all of the above
- The ability to form an argument
- Analysis - comparison - summary - evaluation



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Writing:

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

# Revision Methods: variety is best

- Re-reading exam texts (audiobooks)
- Mindmap plots, characters, themes and contexts
- Plan how to answer questions
- Complete timed exam questions
- Quote recall - create flashcards
- Quotation analysis/explosions
- Go over word classes and language devices
- Quizzes
- Google Classroom
- Youtube tutorials / Seneca / BBC Bitesize
- Ask your teachers!

# Homework & Teacher Support

- Set fortnightly to support revision: planning tasks to support extended writing - timed exam practice in class
- Timetabled - consistent across the department
- Google classroom
- After school support will be available every Tuesday after the mock exams (letters will be sent home)