



# GCSE English = x2 GCSEs

## English Language

### 2 Exams

#### Paper 1 (50%)

Section A: Reading

Section B Writing

Describe or narrate

(1hr 45, 80 marks)

#### Paper 2 (50%)

Section A: Reading

Section B Writing

Write to present a point of view

(1hr 45, 80 marks)

## English Literature

### 2 Exams

#### Paper 1 (40 %)

- ▶ **Romeo and Juliet**
- ▶ **A Christmas Carol**

(1hr 45, 64 marks)

#### Paper 2 (60%)

- ▶ **An Inspector Calls**
- ▶ **Power and Conflict Poetry**
- ▶ **Unseen Poetry**

(2hr 15, 96 marks)

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## Changes for 2021

No change to exam or content for English Language.

The change is for the spoken language element of the course. This no longer will need to be recorded and sent to the exam board. Class teachers will assess through class debate and award pupils a grade: Pass/Merit/Distinction

### Change for English Literature.

An element of English literature can be **dropped**. Either 19<sup>th</sup> Century Text, Modern Text or Poetry.

We are currently waiting on further guidance from the exam board for this.

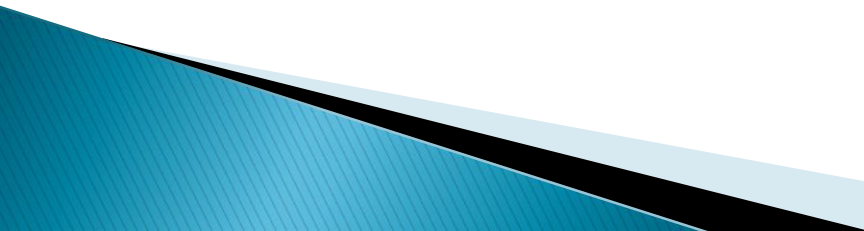
As a department we will drop the power and conflict element of poetry (if confirmed by AQA)

We currently don't know how this will affect the length of exams.

# Changes and Challenges!


- ▶ No Controlled Assessment / Coursework – 100% Exam
- ▶ No tiers (foundation / higher)
- ▶ All exams are ‘closed book’ – no texts allowed into the exam.
- ▶ Grades at 9–1
- ▶ Exams lasting a total of 7 ½ hours! (could be different for 2021)
  - Exam stamina is vital.
- ▶ The power of memory
  - Students need to be confident in their ability to recall information.
- ▶ The new GCSEs will ‘reward students who read widely’.
  - Students need to be reading independently!
- ▶ 20% of the English Language marks are for Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar.
  - Carelessness will be penalised heavily.

# Beyond the English classroom...

- ▶ Walking Talking Mock Exams (tbc)
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  - ▶ After School Intervention *(dates to be confirmed)*
  - ▶ Fortnightly Homework designed to support pupils with their revision of the knowledge and skills needed for success in all four English exams. *(tbc)*
  - ▶ A well stocked school library and hub where all texts and revision guides can be loaned to support further study. Miss Rawson has some of these available whilst areas are closed.
  - ▶ University Lectures (tbc)
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# Working Together

## How can you support your child?

- ▶ Keep dialogue open
  - ▶ Consider purchasing copies of the texts your child is studying so that they can read the texts independently at home.
  - ▶ Exam success tips sheet– quiz them!
  - ▶ Help them to remember to do their homework (well!) and hand it in on time each fortnight.
  - ▶ Keep a tally of how many practice responses they write and let me know!!!
  - ▶ Manage stress- 'timetable' that includes time for socialising.
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