



English Language GCSE

Examination and Revision Information

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| Examination Board: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AQA GCSE English Language (8700) |
| Number of Examination Papers: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper 1: Explorations in creative reading and writing • Paper 2: Writer's viewpoints and perspectives • NEA Spoken Language endorsement |
| Structure of Examination Papers: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper 1: Explorations in creative reading and writing - 1 hour 45 mins Section A - Reading unseen fiction; Section B - Creative writing • Paper 2: Writer's viewpoints and perspectives - 1 hour 45 mins Section A - Reading unseen non-fiction; Section B - Writing to express a viewpoint |
| Key Information: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two year, linear curriculum • The qualification grade is based on examinations. Spoken Language Non-examined Assessment (NEA) is a separate endorsement with a pass, merit, distinction grading. • All exam extracts are 'unseen' - pupils respond to what they are given in the exam. Paper 1 involves extracts from one fiction text. Paper 2 involves two non-fiction texts, one of which is from the 19th century. Reading regularly is helpful in preparing for this. |
| Where could I find past papers and mark schemes? | <p>https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-language-8700/assessment-resources</p> |
| What are the best websites to help me revise this subject? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Bruff's You Tube channel - Videos on each paper and each exam question https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCM2vdqz-7e4HAuzhpFuRY8w • BBC Bitesize website https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zcbchv4 • Support for all exams is available on the class Teams page |
| Link to revision guide: | <p>https://www.amazon.co.uk/English-Language-Complete-Revision-Practice/dp/1782944141/ref=asc_df_1782944141/?tag=googshopuk-21&linkCode=df0&hvadid=310867128193&hvpos=&hvnetw=g&hvrnd=2782738422264941779&hvpon=&hvptwo=&hvqmt=&hvdev=c&hvdvcmdl=&hvlocint=&hvlocphy=1006948&hvtargid=pla-454556405224&psc=1&th=1&psc=1</p> |
| What are the best ways to revise for this subject? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exercise books and handout given by teachers e.g. how to approach the different exam questions; tips on planning for the writing tasks; feedback on exam responses and pieces of creative writing. • Use the websites given above - Mr Bruff is really useful for language as well as literature • Practice planning writing responses and writing openings and endings. • Seneca Learning: An excellent resource that covers the content of the course. Sign up here: https://www.senecalearning.com/ |