

Year 11 English Revision Session

2022 Results

	<i>Language</i>	<i>Literature</i>
7+	41%	28%
5+	78%	73%
4+	88%	85%

In this session we will discuss what revision strategies and techniques students used to gain their GCSE grades.

2 GCSEs: Language and Literature

- 4 exams (2 for both)

- Literature Paper 1: Macbeth and Anthology poetry (2 hours)
- Literature Paper 2: An Inspector Calls, A Christmas Carol, Unseen Poetry (2 hours 30 minutes)

- Language Paper 1: Fiction and creative writing (1 hour 45 minutes)
- Language Paper 2: Non-fiction and transactional writing (2 hours)

What do students need to remember?

- At least **20 quotations** from A Christmas Carol
- 5 or 6 contextual points about A Christmas Carol
- **20 quotations** from An Inspector Calls
- **20 quotations** from Macbeth
- **5-6 quotations** from **18** poems
- 2-3 contextual points for each of the poems
- The plot outline for 2-3 stories
- The genre conventions for 6 different non-fiction texts

What can students do to revise?

- Flashcards
- Post-its
- Posters
- Memory palaces/journeys
- The Internet
- Past papers
- Revision guides and highlighters

Flashcards

- For each of the characters write a new flashcard. On the flashcard include 5-6 points with quotations.
- For each of the themes write a new flashcards and include 5-6 points with quotations.
- For the texts that need context – write some contextual points

Flashcards

- When the flashcards are complete get someone to test you.
- The areas that you know well put to the bottom; the areas you need to work on put to the top.

Post-its

- Similar to the flashcards – record a couple of points and quotations on a post-it note.
- Stick the post-it notes around areas that are commonly used. (Your bed, the fridge, the TV, your Xbox, laptop, etc)

Posters

- For each of the texts – design a **BIG** colourful poster.
- Include key quotations, themes, characters and contextual information.
- Put the poster up somewhere you'll see it.

Memory Palace/Journey

- Visualise a journey or place you know really well.
- Draw or map that place and write down quotations at key places next to key images.
- Test yourself.

Internet

- Youtube Video: Mr Bruff, Mr Salles
- Seneca Learning (homework)
- Podcasts:
GCSE English RevisionPod (on Spotify/Apple Music),
Seneca Learning Revision
- Sparknotes
- York Notes
- Shmoop
- BBC Bitesize
- Eduqas website

Past Papers

- Ask your teachers for past papers
- You can also look at mark schemes and examiners reports
- Have a go at a question, plan or section

Revision Guides

- Buy revision guides, read them and highlight the key sentences.
- Do the exercises and check your work with the answers at the back of the book.

