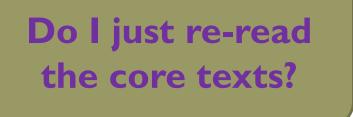


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I don't know where to start



How do I support my son/daughter in preparing for the English Exams?



GCSEs – What you need to know



- Students at King's will study the Edexcel English Language and English Literature courses
- There are no tiers of entry- all sit the same exam
- Each student will sit 2 English Language papers and 2 English Literature papers
- A set of core skills are tested, including analysing the impact of language and structure, evaluation and comparison. A thorough application of context is also required.
- There is a Spoken Language Component, which is assessed but does not count towards their final grade in either Language or Literature. These will be carried out and filmed at the end of Year 10



English Languago	Both of these will be sat in the Term 5 Year 10	*
English Language	exams	
Paper I	Paper 2	Kings
Fiction and Imaginative Writing	Non-fiction and Transactional Writing	School
Overview of assessment 40% of total of		
 Section A – Reading: 4 questions on al 19th-century fiction extract. 	unseen • Section A – Reading: 7 questions on two thematically linked, unseen non-fiction extracts.	
• Section B – Writing: a choice of two w tasks. The tasks are linked by a theme to reading extract.		
• The total number of marks available is	• The total number of marks available is 96.	
 Assessment duration I hour and 45 m 	• Assessment duration: 2 hours and 5 minutes	
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English Literature	Only	Paper I will be sat in the Term 5 Year 10 exams	
Paper I		Paper 2	ng's
Shakespeare and Post-1914 Literature		19th-century Novel and Poetry since 1789	
 Overview of assessment Section A – Shakespeare: a two-part quest the first task focused on an extract of approx 30 lines. The second task is focused on how reflected in the extract is explored elsewhere play. Section B – Post-1914 British play or nov essay question. The total number of marks available is 80 Assessment duration: I hour and 45 minute Closed book (texts are not allowed in the examination). 	CSE stion, with oximately v a theme ere in the vel: ONE vel: ONE	 Overview of assessment Section A – 19th-century novel: a two part question, with the first part focussed on an extract of approximately 400 words. The second part is an essay question exploring the whole text. Section B – Part 1: ONE question comparing a named poem from the Pearson Poetry Anthology collection to another poem from that collection. The named poem will be shown in the question paper. Part 2: ONE question comparing two unseen contemporary poems. The total number of marks available is 80. Assessment duration: 2 hours and 15 minutes. Closed book (texts are not allowed in the examination). 	

Core Texts Studied



- Macbeth: Shakespeare-Year 10
- Poetry from the Edexcel Anthology-Conflict cluster only-Year 10/11
- An Inspector Calls: J. B. Priestly-Year 10
- A Christmas Carol: Charles Dickens-Year II



To Succeed in English...

- Students need the confidence to express their own ideas and interpretations about texts, supporting these ideas with carefully selected evidence and linking in context.
- It is <u>vital</u>, therefore, that they know their texts really thoroughly.

Research to develop confidence in the key contexts of the texts-Jacobean England, Victorian England- realise that texts are a product of their time Watch the film interpretations to help with engagement. Go on the VLE to access Department study guides and revision activities

Here's what you can do at home: Focus on the

knowledge

Memorise the plotlines of the core texts! This is an absolute starting point. Try summarising each chapter/act in no more than 10 words.

Buy the **study guides-** there are a huge range out there.

Use **post-it notes, mind maps, flip notes** to learn key quotations and put them up in bedrooms/around the house.

There are a plethora of online resources/studyguides-Sparknotes, BBC Bitesize, Youtube lessons





Other sources of information

- KS4 teams folder- sample papers to work through in addition to the revision booklets made by the English Department for each area of the exam
- Using mock papers- book time with me during tutor time
- GCSE pod- can download so listen offline
- Revision videos- plenty on Youtube, for example Mr Bruff and Click Revision
- Post-it key quotations around the house
- Watch live performances of the core texts. Read critic's reviews of them.



