

KS4 (year 10) : Information Evening

GCSE English Language & Literature

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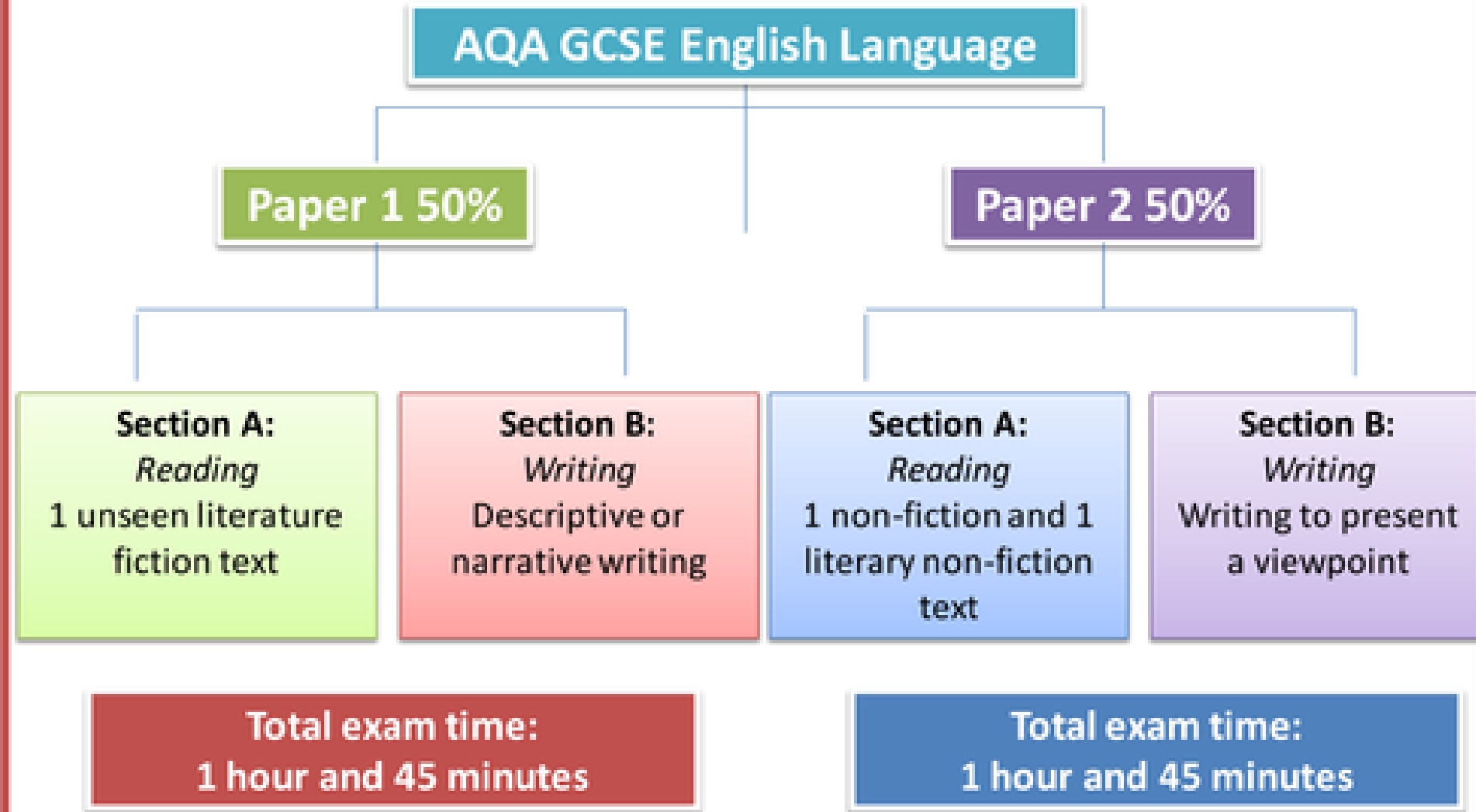
What are we working towards?

- ❖ In the summer of Y11, students will sit four English exams (two Language and two Literature).
- ❖ No tiered entry.



GCSE English Language





All exams will be at the end of Year 11. You will also sit an English Literature GCSE.

English Language: 50% Reading, 50% Writing

Paper 1: Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing (1 hour 45 minutes)	Paper 2: Writers' viewpoints and Perspectives (1 hour 45 minutes)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Section A: Reading (4 questions)• 25% of Language GCSE• One Literature fiction extract	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Section A: Reading (4 questions)• 25% of Language GCSE• One literary non fiction text and one non fiction text (from 19th-21st centuries).
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Section B: Writing to describe or narrate• 25% of Language GCSE• 1 extended writing question (24 marks for content, 16 marks for technical accuracy).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Section B: Writing to present a viewpoint• 25% of Language GCSE• 1 extended writing question (24 marks for content, 16 marks for technical accuracy).

GCSE English Literature

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Paper 1 40%

Paper 2 60%

Section A:
Shakespeare

'Macbeth'

Section B:
19th Cent Prose
*'A Christmas
Carol'*

Section A:
Modern Texts
*'An Inspector
Calls'*

Section B:
Anthology
poetry.

Section C:
Unseen
Poetry

Total exam time:
1 hour and 45 minutes

Total exam time:
2 hours and 15 minutes

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English Literature: 40% Paper 1, 60% Paper 2

Paper 1: Shakespeare and the 19th century novel (1 hour 45 minutes) 40% of Literature GCSE	Paper 2: Modern texts and poetry (2 hours 15 minutes) 60% of Literature GCSE
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Section A: Macbeth• One extract based question• Closed book• 4 marks available for SPaG	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Section A: An Inspector Calls• One question• Closed book• 4 marks available for SPaG
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Section B: A Christmas Carol• One extract based question• Closed book• 20% of Literature GCSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Section B: Poetry• One comparison question on a named poem on printed paper and one other from a studied anthology of conflict poetry• Closed book apart from printed poem
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Section C: Unseen poetry• Two questions, one on one unseen poem and one question comparing the first poem with a second unseen poem.

English Literature: skills

- Analyse the effect of language, form and structure
- Understand a writer's intentions
- Appreciate the effect of **context**
- Have a developed understanding of the whole text - all exams are closed book **and students need to be able to refer to specific sections** of each text
- **SPaG**- there are now an allotted number of marks for spelling, punctuation and grammar on the Literature paper.
- **Compare** poetry and analyse **unseen poetry**



Assessment weeks

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	November	February	June
10 Lang	Language Paper 1, Section A (60 mins)	Language Paper 1, Section B (45 mins)	Full Language Paper 1 (1 hr, 45 mins)
10 Lit	Unseen poetry (single poem) (30 mins)	A Christmas Carol (50 mins)	An Inspector Calls and Power and Conflict (1 hr 45 mins)

How can I revise Language and Literature?

- ❖ **Reread the set Literature texts (aim for 3 times in total)**
- ❖ **Use SPARK notes/ No fear Shakespeare / BBC bitesize / Mr Bruff / York notes / Dr Aidan**
- ❖ **Use revision materials and class notes provided by teachers**
- ❖ **Practise writing to describe or narrate at home as well as writing argumentative pieces, checking SPaG.**
- ❖ **Read non-fiction. Engage with broadsheet newspapers and current affairs.**
- ❖ **Look to purchase the CGP revision guides and workbooks for all aspects of the English Literature and English Language course**
- ❖ **Create cue cards for key themes, ideas, characters to record key quotations.**

How can you support revision?

Homework:

Please check Go4S and ensure students are completing their work, question them, or quiz them where you can.

Encourage use of revision guides

Revision timetable:

Students should look to create a revision timetable that will allow coverage of subject material in a consistent manner over time.



REVISION

* = revise if possible
// = no revision/break

TIME	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
8:30-4:30	school	school	school	school	school	*	*
4:30-5:00	media	chemistry	media	maths	english	maths*	//
5:00-5:30	english	chemistry	media	maths	english	maths*	//
5:30-6:00	//	//	maths	english	media	//	//
6:00-6:30	english	english	//	//	//	//	//
6:30-7:00	maths	english	//	//	chemistry	//	//
7:00-7:30	//	//	english	chemistry	//	*	biology
7:30-8:00	//	//	physics	chemistry	//	*	media
8:00-8:30	maths	biology	//	//	chemistry	english	//
8:30-9:00	maths	maths	maths	biology	physics	english	//
9:00-9:30	//	//	//	//	//	//	//
9:30-10:00	biology	maths	biology	biology	phys*	//	//
10:00-10:30	media	physics	biology	media	phys*	//	//

**For more information
or questions...**

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