

YEAR 11 BULLETIN

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Studying for English Exams

Students gain two separate qualifications in English, one GCSE in English Language and one GCSE in English Literature, however preparing for them involves slightly different approaches. In addition, students take a Speaking and Listening exam. If your child has not completed theirs, please ask them to see Mrs Curley. A reminder to students is that their English teachers want them to do their best, so please encourage your child to speak to their teacher if they need extra support or advice.

How to prepare for GCSE English Literature exams

The texts that TMS students have studied for their English Literature course are:

- ◆ An Inspector Calls
- ◆ Romeo and Juliet
- ◆ A Christmas Carol
- ◆ Poetry Anthology

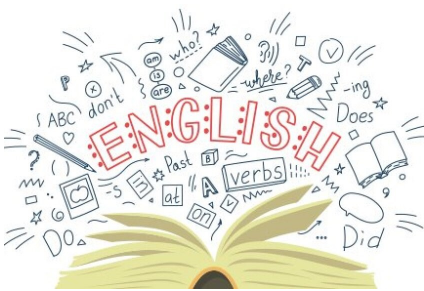


The exam board will be looking for excellent **knowledge and understanding** of the texts studied. To revise, students should create flashcards, breaking down the plot into chapters or scenes. They should write notes on the characters and the concepts.

Students have been taught strategies for answering each question - including what to say in their introduction. They should practise using these strategies during timed planned practice.

Students also need to write about writer's **methods**. To do this, students need to revise the terminology from their Knowledge Organisers, making sure they understand why writers use them (what effect they want to create).

Students must demonstrate their understanding of **context**: the writer's intention and message. Writers want to teach, tell or celebrate something with the reader and students should reflect this in their answers.



In the Revision Resources, there are practice questions (also available outside R18). Teachers will be happy to mark these for the students.

How to prepare for GCSE English Language exams

In English language exams, students are assessed on their analysis of unseen fiction and non-fiction texts, as well as their own writing.

Students should ensure they know what is expected for both papers. They should plan and practise **Creative Writing** questions and **Non-Fiction Writing** questions, using the correct strategy taught in class. When completing planned practice questions, students should time themselves as good practice for the exams. We recommend that students make flashcards to help them learn everything they need.

Resources

Literature: [Virtual School Y11 - Revision Resources - English](#) - Texts folder: here you will find film versions of An Inspector Calls and Romeo and Juliet. There are also links to audio versions of A Christmas Carol, An Inspector Calls and Romeo and Juliet. Click on the **Stream** tab to find Mrs Allison's Annotations, covering all the poems studied.

Language: [Virtual School Y11 - Revision Resources - English](#) - There are strategies for each question.

Message from the Sixth Form Team

Sixth Form interviews will take place week beginning 25th March 2024.

All candidates have been invited to an interview via a message on www.kentchoices.co.uk

Please check the message for the day and time of your interview.



Easter Revision sessions

During the Easter break, we will be offering some additional revision sessions. These sessions are beneficial in addition to the students completing their own independent revision. A letter with further details will be sent out shortly.

Date	Time	Subject	Room	Details
2-Apr	10:00 - 12:00	Science	R7/R8	The session for higher tier will be in R7 and the session for foundation tier will be in R8.
2-Apr	12:30 - 14:30	History	B17	Revision session focused on content and exam technique. It will be focused on Paper 2 - American West.
2-Apr	09:00 - 16:00	Art	B13	This session is for invited students only and will be contacted separately.
3-Apr	10:00 - 12:00	Geography	B16	Revision session focused on exam technique, primarily on extended writing.
8-Apr	10:00 - 14:30	Music	M1-6	All day to focus on exam pieces. Bring lunch.
8-Apr	10:00 - 12:00	Maths	R15, R16, R13	Three sessions will be offered based on their current attainment, currently grade 3, currently grade 4 and currently grade 5 and above
8-Apr	12:30 - 14:30	Business	R 19	Revision session on exam technique and personalised revision
9-Apr	10:00 - 12:00	Spanish	T18	Personalised revision, focus on all four skills with particular emphasis on preparation and practice for the speaking exams.
9-Apr	12:30 - 14:30	French	T18	Personalised revision, focus on all four skills with particular emphasis on preparation and practice for the speaking exams.
10-Apr	10:00 - 14:30	Drama	Drama studio	All day to focus on exam pieces.
10-Apr	10:00 - 12:00	English	R18	English Language: Language Paper 2 — technique and timings. English Literature: How to approach extract-style questions.
10-Apr	12:30 - 14:30	Psychology	B5	Revision on exam technique and extended writing.

What to revise this week?

Tassomai offer free online tutorials. Dates of upcoming sessions and recordings of previous sessions are available [here](#)

Biology: 6. Plant structures and function - [BBC bitesize: Plant structures & function](#)

Chemistry: 4. Extracting metals and equilibria - [BBC bitesize: Extracting metals & equilibria](#)

Physics: 10. Magnetism and the motor effect - [BBC bitesize : Magnetism & the motor effect](#)

Geography: Development - India (CASE STUDY) changing population, geopolitics and technology, impact of rapid development - Rev guide p. 77-79

History: Increased settlement of the American West including the Homestead Act, the Timber Culture Act and Gold Rush - [resource](#)

Business Studies: Theme 2.3 Methods of Production. See Teams for resources.

Psychology: Treatments for depression and addiction - [Psychological problems CB P17-21, P35-56, P40-41](#)

Sociology: Factors affecting life chances - Purple book p.98 and your curriculum book

GCSE Modern Foreign Languages:

- Use the **Pearson Active Learn Learning Platform (AQA GCSE French or Spanish)** . You should revise all topics.
- **You Tube: Easy French/Spanish** chose a topic to revise/learn and practise the vocabulary/listening & grammar.
- **Duolingo App** to revise/learn and practise the vocabulary/listening and grammar.