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GCSE

English

Essential reading:

The texts studied during the course are:

An Inspector Calls by J B Priestley or *Blood Brothers* by Willy Russell

A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens or *The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde* by R L Stevenson

Macbeth by William Shakespeare

AQA Poetry Anthology (Power and Conflict)

Study Guides:

Study guides for all of the above texts are available from: York notes, Sparks notes, Mr Bruff, Collins, CGP and No Fear Shakespeare. Many of these also publish English Language revision guides.

Reading and wider awareness

The greatest barrier to a pupil's success in English is because (s)he does not read beyond the scope of the course and has limited knowledge of the wider world. Reading (*anything* – it does not have to be literary or academic) and wider engagement, is absolutely vital.

Websites

We recommend the following websites for revision and wider reading:

www.universalteacher.org.uk

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects

www.english.cam.ac.uk

www.senecalearning.com

www.sparksnotes.com

www.thevictorianweb.org (for context relating to *Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde/A Christmas Carol*)

www.literature-study-online.com

www.Englishbiz.co.uk



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www.absoluteshakespeare.com

Audio/visual Resources:

Youtube: The **Mr Bruff** videos are really useful and cover both Literature and Language. Similar resources can be found from **Stacey Reay**, **Mr Salles** and **RevisionWorld TV**.

Film versions of the set texts are also a good way for pupils to revise, and particularly filmed versions of *Macbeth*. Obviously, pupils do need to be aware that some film versions can differ quite significantly from the text, and certainly do not act as substitutes for the text.

Amazon, Youtube, Soundcloud and other sites also offer **audio versions of texts**. These can be particularly useful for pupils who would rather listen than read, and can often be downloaded and listened to via mobile phones at a pupil's leisure.

History

Students should use the past exam questions in their revision guides from school to practise planning questions. This is a good way to review work that they've studied that week.

The purple **Revise Edexcel GCSE (9-1) History** revision guides and revision cards are also very useful, as is the bitesize revision website: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zw4bv4j>

Reading around the subject is an excellent way to deepen your knowledge and feed your passion for History:

Simon Webb: *Execution: A History of Capital Punishment in Britain*

Hallie Rubenhold: *The Five: The Untold Lives of the Women Killed by Jack the Ripper*

Joanna Courtney: *The Conqueror's Queen*

Ben Elton: *Two Brothers*

Nathaniel Harris: *The Rise of Hitler*

Andrea Warren: *Surviving Hitler*

Andrew Langley: *Days of Decision- Hitler and Kristallnacht*

Podcasts on Norman England

<https://podtail.com/en/podcast/norman-centuries-a-norman-history-podcast-by/episode-7-after-hastings/>



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Ivrit

We recommend radio and podcast material that extends student engagement with language, song, literature and current affairs.

Students could listen to these stations and pause whenever they feel they need to listen to it again

103FM: <https://103fm.maariv.co.il/>

Galgalatz and Rehet Gimel for music: <https://glz.co.il/>

www.kan.org.il/

Maths

Y10 and 11 students have access to the Mathswatch revision website. Their teacher has their username and password:

<https://vle.mathswatch.co.uk>

This consists of videos and practice questions.

Another good source of GCSE practice material is Corbett Maths. Year 11 will find the 5-a-day questions particularly useful for general revision:

<https://corbettmaths.com/5-a-day/gcse/>

Mymaths is a good revision resource for all ages with walkthroughs and practice questions: <https://www.mymaths.co.uk/>

The Maths Department has a Year 11 revision site in SharePoint that students can access through their school login. This has a large selection of practice papers, solutions and topic-based material. In the Autumn term this has just a few practice papers to help with revision for the Mocks. This is to prevent students becoming overwhelmed at the start of their revision. Additional material is then added over the spring term.

<https://kdmcr.sharepoint.com/sites/Y11MathsGCSERevisionResources>

The Maths Department sells the CGP AQA GCSE Maths revision and practice revision guides (£6 each). We think it is currently the best guide available.

The MrBartonMaths website is also an excellent revision site.



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<http://www.mrbartonmaths.com/students/gcse/>

Modern Foreign Languages (French and Spanish)

Kerboodle

<https://www.kerboodle.com/>

Pupils have their own username and password. Activities are assigned by their class teacher and there are also lots of resources for further independent learning.

BBC Bitesize

French <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zr8bmfr>

Spanish <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/z4yyjhw>

Quizlet

French <https://quizlet.com/join/762dDPgcX>

Quizlet is a lightning fast way to learn vocabulary: www.quizlet.com

Music

James Stevenson's youtube channel is good for an overview of the set works:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JPogdlxjWgA&list=PLSSqb164OqxhEzlcTX4dh7JIKB7MIC6Kh>

The London Symphony Orchestra's teacher's area is quite useful for advice on composing

<https://www.lpo.org.uk/education/lpo-soundworks-studio-teachers.html>

Free online revision guides on each set work are available at www.rhinegold.co.uk

Physics

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Years 10 and 11 should regularly be accessing Isaac Physics which is used for Physics homework. Students should go back and review these problems as part of their ongoing learning and revision: <https://isaacphysics.org/>



Also useful is the Antonine Education site, which has the syllabus content and questions/answers and tests: <http://www.antonine-education.co.uk/>

General revision advice and resources

Lots of good advice on revision planning and technique is available here:

www.lifemoreextraordinary.com

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize

The Anki app allows you to create flashcards on your phone and tests you on them