

# 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](http://www.universalteacher.org.uk)

[www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects)

[www.english.cam.ac.uk](http://www.english.cam.ac.uk)

[www.senecalearning.com](http://www.senecalearning.com)

[www.sparksnotes.com](http://www.sparksnotes.com)

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

[www.literature-study-online.com](http://www.literature-study-online.com)

[www.Englishbiz.co.uk](http://www.Englishbiz.co.uk)

[www.absoluteshakespeare.com](http://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.