

Sept 2024

Dear Parent or Carer for all Year 11 students,

Firstly, the English Team would like to welcome your child to GCSE English! The students have returned positively from the Summer with an excellent attitude and are ready for their GCSEs. This is wonderful to see.

To inform you of our GCSEs, this will also be on the school website, we offer AQA GCSE English Language and AQA GCSE English Literature. Students will cover the following course over the two years:

	Paper 1	Paper 2
GCSE English Literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Macbeth A Christmas Carol <u>or</u> Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde (teacher's choice) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An Inspector Calls Poetry (Power and Conflict) Unseen Poetry
GCSE English Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fiction based Reading (4 questions) based on a short extract and Writing (story or narrative) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-fiction based Reading (4 questions) based on 2 extracts (one modern and one Pre-19th C) and Writing (usually a speech, letter or article)

All texts will be provided. We suggest that students keep their booklets in school until they need them for revision.

Year 11 will be starting with Macbeth and English Language Paper 1. Their first assessment will be in October on Macbeth.

We will put materials for study on Google Classroom. However, we can recommend some good revision sites also:

- Mr Bruff on Youtube
- <https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/> (past papers)
- <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english>
- www.fairfax.bham.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/Language-Paper-1-Revision-Guide-AQA.pdf
- <https://www.fairfax.bham.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/Language-Paper-2-Revision-Guide-AQA.pdf>

We would also like to ask that all students come to lessons with the appropriate equipment: **pens**, a pencil, a ruler, and **especially highlighters**. We use highlighters so much for annotation. Having the correct equipment means we can start lessons promptly and students can learn effectively in the lesson. Please help to support us with this by encouraging your child to have their book as part of their school equipment.

We also have a free virtual library called ePlatform that all students can access via on-line or via a Smart device. The log-in username is their school email address and the password is Henlow24. Simply go to the website <https://www.eplatform.co/gb/find-libraries>, students need to search for Henlow Academy and they can enter their usernames and password and save it. Books can be searched for and borrowed like a library, but students can also listen to books as they read them. Students should read at least one book a month.

Many thanks for your support and please contact the English Team if you have any questions,

Ms. A. Jackson.

Head of English, Drama and Literacy.

Save the dates:

GCSE English Literature

- Paper 1 12th May AM (Macbeth & Christmas Carol or Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde)
- Paper 2 20th May AM (An Inspector Calls, Poetry of Power and Conflict, & Unseen Poetry)

GCSE English Language

- Paper 1 AM 23rd May
- Paper 2 AM 6th June AM