

English Language and English Literature from 2017 onwards (9-1)

What do the new GCSE examinations look like?

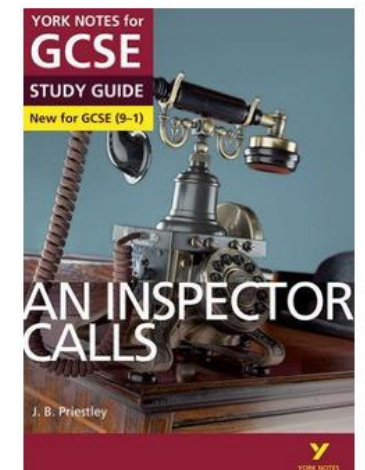
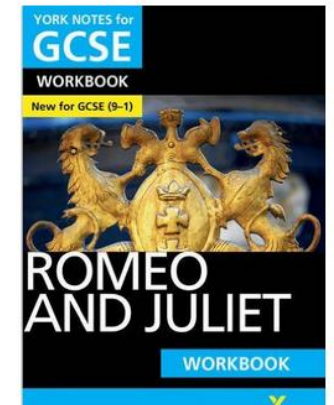
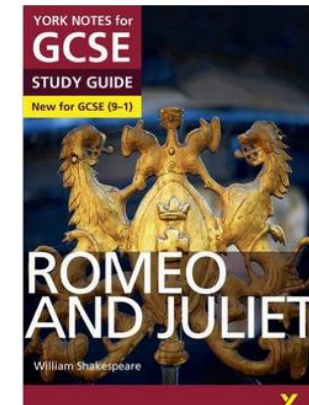
What can I do at home to support my child?

English Literature – **closed book** examinations

Paper 1 – Shakespeare and Post-1914 Literature (1hr 45 mins)

50% of the GCSE

Section A – Shakespeare (50 mins)	1. Extract based response (25 mins)	Analysis / evaluation of language, form and structural features using subject terminology
	1. Analysing the theme from the extract elsewhere in the play (25 mins)	Critical evaluation using a wide range of references Context and link between context and text
Section B – Post-1914 Literature (50 mins)	1. An essay question	Critical evaluation using a wide range of references Context and link between context and text



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English Literature – Paper 2 – 19th century novel and Poetry since 1789 (2hrs 15 mins) 50% of the GCSE

Section A – 19th century novel (60 mins plus reading time)	1. Extract based response (30 mins)	Analysis / evaluation of language, form and structural features using subject terminology
	1. Essay question exploring the whole text (30 mins)	Critical evaluation using a wide range of references
Section B – Poetry since 1789 (60 mins plus reading time)	1. Comparison of named poem with one other poem from the 'Relationships' collection (30 mins)	Perceptive comparisons and contrasts Analysis / evaluation of form, structure and language using relevant subject terminology Excellent understanding of context and relationship between text and context
	1. Comparison of two unseen poems (30 mins)	Perceptive comparisons and contrasts Critical evaluation using a wide range of references Analysis / evaluation of form, structure and language using relevant subject terminology

English Language Paper 1 – Fiction and Imaginative Writing (1 hour 45 mins) 40% of the GCSE

Section A Reading – Unseen 19th century Fiction (1 hour)	Q1 Finding literal information	Finding an appropriate textual reference
	Q2 Making inferences	Reading between the lines – finding evidence to support an inference
	Q3 Language and structure	Analysis of BOTH language and structure using a wide range of references
	Q4 Evaluation	Evaluation of ideas, events, themes or settings Critical judgement about the text using apt and discriminating references
Section B Imaginative writing (45 minutes)	Choice of two tasks – imaginative response	Shaping audience response Sophisticated use of tone, style and register Utilising a range of structural and grammatical features Extensive vocabulary Punctuation used to aid emphasis Range of sentence structures to create effects

English Language Paper 2 – Non-fiction and Transactional Writing 60% of the GCSE

Section A Reading – 20th and 21st Century Non-Fiction (1 hour 15 mins)	Q1+4 Finding literal information	Finding an appropriate textual reference
	Q2+5 Making inferences	Reading between the lines – finding evidence to support an inference
	Q3 Language and structure	Analysis of BOTH language and structure using a wide range of references
	Q6 Evaluation	Evaluation of ideas, events, themes or settings Critical judgement about the text using apt and discriminating references
	Q7 Comparison and contrast	Detailed understanding of similarities / differences between the text Ability to synthesis the two texts Appropriate and relevant range of evidence
Section B Transactional writing (45 minutes)	A choice of two writing tasks for example letters, articles and reports. The tasks are linked by a theme to the reading extracts.	Shaping audience response Sophisticated use of tone, style and register Utilising a range of structural and grammatical features Extensive vocabulary Punctuation used to aid emphasis Range of sentence structures to create effects

What can I do to support my child?

- Talk through any targets/feedback on assessed work
- Talk through any exemplar answers that your child has been given
- Buy the recommended revision guides and workbooks

(please make sure you check with your child which texts they have studied for Literature)

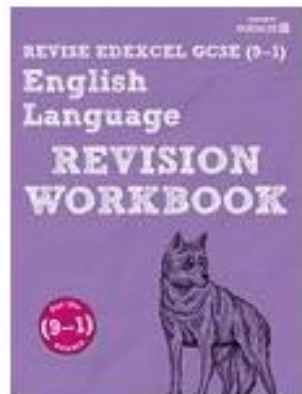
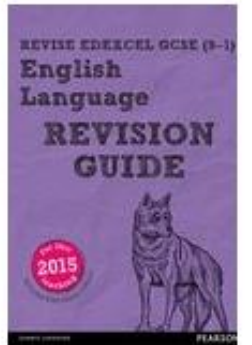
- Test them on their quotations for the Literature!
- Visit the new BBC Bitesize website. Type in BBC BITESIZE English Language GCSE. This is full of updated resources to support your child.

REVISE Edexcel GCSE (9-1) English Language Revision Guide (REVISE Edexcel GCSE English 2015)

- ISBN-10: 1447988086
- ISBN-13: 978-1447988083

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Wider reading

Now the level of challenge in both the set texts for English Literature and the unseen 19th century text in Paper 1 in English Language is greater than before, wider, more challenging reading is essential.

Please see the reading list on the website of suggested titles. Students should all be reading more challenging texts in order to be fully prepared to access the curriculum and examinations at the end of the course.