

Year 10 & 11

GCSE English

English Language & English Literature

- Students receive two separate GCSE grades in English Literature and English Language.
- The grades are now awarded on a 1-9 scale (not the previous A*-G).

New grading structure	Current grading structure
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8	A*
7	A
6	B
5	
4	C
3	D
2	E
1	F
	G
U	U

GOOD PASS (DfE)
5 and above = top of C and above

AWARDING
4 and above = bottom of C and above

English Literature – Exam Information

Paper 1: May 2019

Section A:

Essay on Shakespeare text (Macbeth) 1 x 50 minute essay - **34 marks**

Section B

Essay on 19th Century novel (A Christmas Carol) 1 x 50 minute essay- **30 marks**

Paper 2: May 2019

Section A

Essay on modern drama text (An Inspector Calls) 1 x 45 minute essay – **34 marks**

Section B

Essay comparing 2 poems from the 15 poems studied (from the 'Love and Relationships' cluster) 1 x 45 minute essay – **30 marks**

Section C

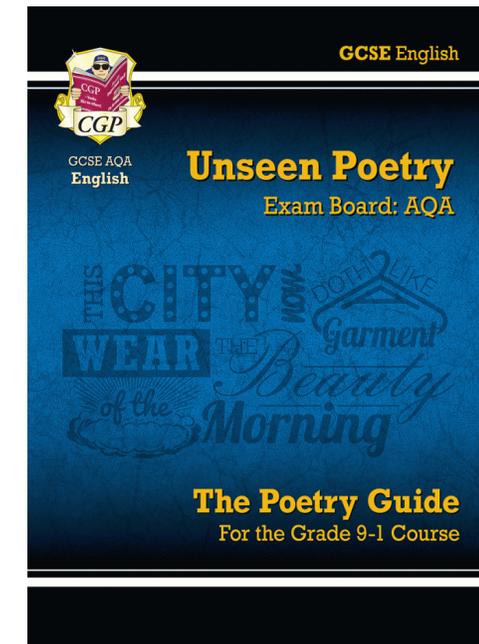
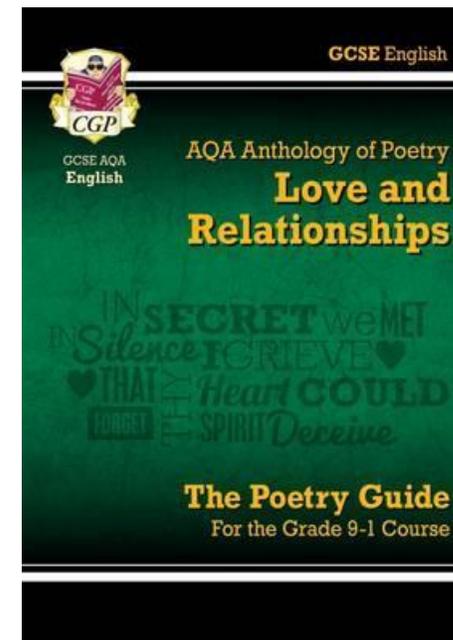
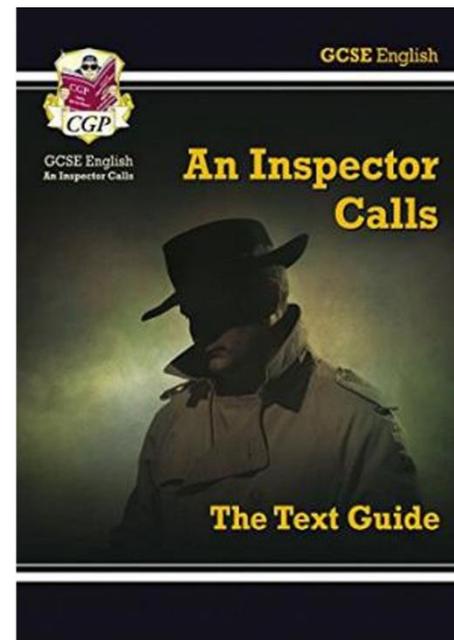
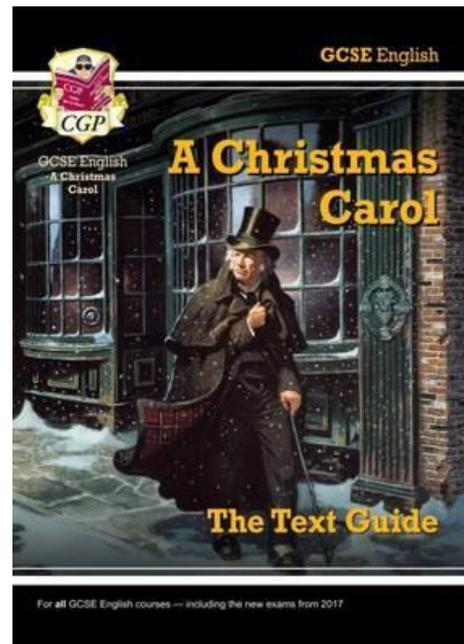
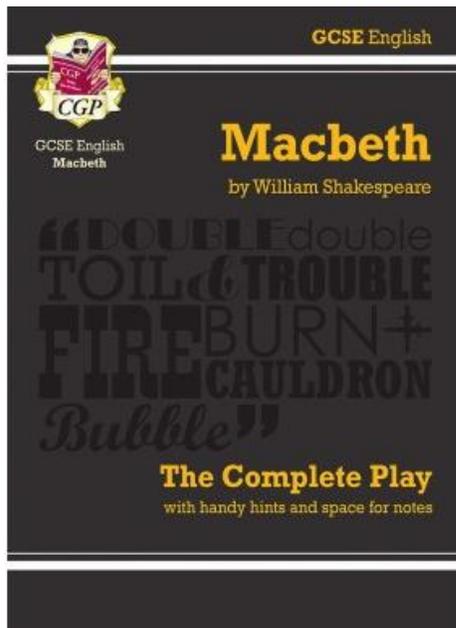
- i) Short essay analysing an unseen poem – **24 marks**
- ii) Short essay comparing unseen poem to another unseen poem – **8 marks** 45 minutes in total

Total available marks: 160

- All English Literature exams are 'closed book' exams, meaning students cannot take a copy of the texts or poems they have studied into the exam. All essays have to be written from memory.
- It is vital that students memorise a range of quotations from all the texts they have studied.
- All assessments done in lesson and as homework are designed to look exactly like the essay question they will receive in the exam.
- Homework is revision based and essay based – **important!**

Revision guides available for English Literature

There are revision guides available to purchase tonight for all the texts we are studying for the English Literature course, at a reduced price of £2.75 each.



English Language – Exam Information

Paper 1: June 2019

Section A:

4 x reading questions based on a literature fiction extract
– 1 hour - **40 marks**

Section B

1 x writing task to describe an image OR narrative
writing – 45 minutes - **40 marks**

Paper 2: June 2019

Section A

4 x reading questions based on 2 x non fiction extracts –
1 hour - **40 marks**

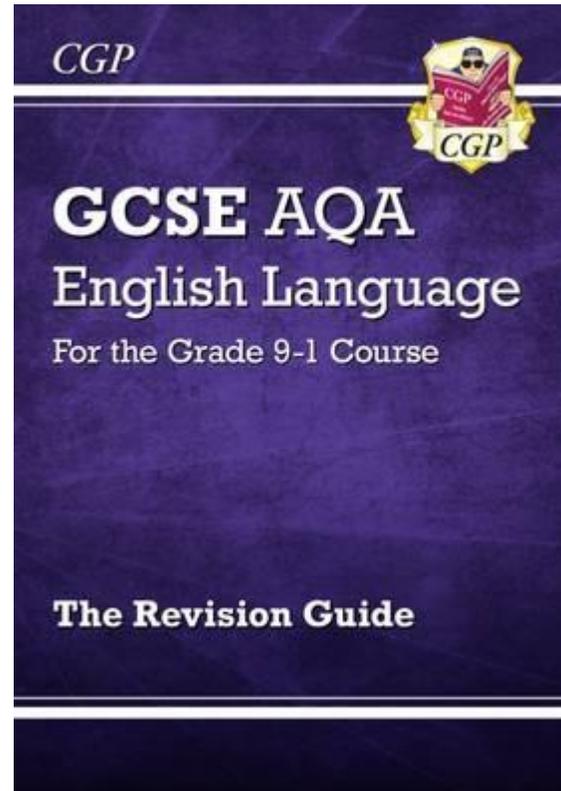
Section B

1 x writing task to persuade/argue a point of view on a
given topic – 1 hour - **40 marks**

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What next?

Students have now studied **two texts** for their English Literature GCSE.

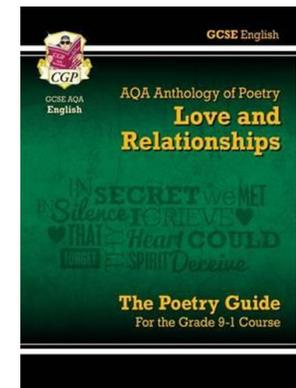
- An Inspector Calls
- Macbeth

All students should know key quotations and be able to confidently write essays on these texts.

Homework will always be based on the texts we have already studied – revision tasks and essay writing. **Please support us by checking students have completed the set homework.**

We will shortly be moving onto the ‘Love and Relationships Poetry’ (15 poems to study and know off by heart).

Constant revision and essay practise is the key to success.



Year 11 2017 Results:

- **85%** of students achieved Grade 4 and above (national average = **72%**)
- **70%** of students achieved a Grade 5 and above (national average = **54%**)
- **25%** of students achieved a Grade 7 and above (national average = **19%**)