

AQA English Literature and Language

Marking and Assessment

We are using the AQA mark schemes to create a mark for each section of the exam and estimating what grade students would achieve based on their performance. The more sections of the course which students complete, the better our prediction for a final grade will be. However, this is a guide not a prediction because under this new exam, grade boundaries will be even more subject to change.

Students are receiving constant feedback through self, peer and teacher marking; modelling of high level answers; writing frames; shared mark schemes and criteria; tracking grids and verbal feedback in class. Therefore we are confident that we are giving our students the skills that they require to achieve well.

Revision

Because the course is now 100% exam, students are expected to revise throughout the course using online and hard copy guides and resources as recommended by their class teacher. This revision is in addition to any set homework/revision.

As we cover more aspects of the course, the number of elements students need to revise adds up. At this stage, students have covered the following sections and should be revising them:

- Power and conflict poetry
- Descriptive writing
- Narrative writing
- Reading comprehension - modern fiction
- *An Inspector Calls* **or** *Lord of the Flies*
- Non-fiction reading comprehension
- Non-fiction writing

How can I help?

1. Where possible, we encourage students to invest in their own copy of the text so that they can write on it, highlight key quotations and read and reread throughout the course.
2. Encourage students to create a revision timetable for each upcoming exam: the next one is *Macbeth* **or** *Romeo and Juliet* and descriptive writing. These will be in mid-June.
3. If students have revision guides, encourage them to use them now and not wait until Year 11.
4. Students have access to a range of resources on the English Faculty's google site for Year 10, including lesson PPTs from sections of the course already taught.
5. Online sites such as Shmoop and BBC Bitesize have general revision which is suitable for a range of exam boards.
6. A list of texts each class is doing and useful books is available on the oathall website (under Learning -- Revision-- Y10 Revision Guide)