

# **English Literature**

## **Useful Websites and sources of revision:**

[youtube.com/mrbruff](https://www.youtube.com/mrbruff)

<https://www.waqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse> <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zr9d7ty>

<https://www.sparknotes.com/shakespeare/macbeth/>

<https://www.sparknotes.com/search?q=A%20Christmas%20Carol>

<https://www.sparknotes.com/search?q=An%20Inspector%20Calls>

<https://cliffenotes.com/>

<http://universalteacher.org.uk/>

All of your revision guides and information on Google Classroom

## **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023 Literature Paper 1**

### **Shakespeare and the 19<sup>th</sup>-century novel**

#### **Macbeth**

You will be given an extract to analyse and then have to link the question to elsewhere in the play with the quotes you have learnt during your revision.

You will need to know:

- Overview of the plot
- Who are the characters and why are they important?
- Why is it structured to follow the demise of Macbeth and his relationship with his wife?
- What are the important themes/motifs of the play? Especially regicide, blood, hands and witchcraft.
- What is your reaction to the play and how might this differ from the original audience?
- What methods are used?

#### **A Christmas Carol**

For this exam you will be given an extract linked to a question about character, theme, structure or a combination. You will need to refer to elsewhere in the novella from the quotes you have learnt during your revision.

You need to know:

- Overview of the plot
- Who are all the characters and why are they important?
- Why is it structured in staves and how is the passage of time used?
- Why did Dickens write this novella and what did he hope to achieve?
- How do you as a reader respond to the story?
- How does Scrooge change and why?
- What methods are used?

## **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023 - Literature Paper 2**

### **Modern Text, Poetry and Unseen Poetry**

#### **An Inspector Calls**

For this exam you will not be given an extract so it is really important that you learn some quotes and stage directions that you can include in your answer so you can analyse language and techniques. You will be asked about a character, theme or a combination of the two. You will have the choice of 2 questions. **Only answer 1!**

You need to know:

- Overview of the plot, structure and characters. Who does what? Why do they do it? How do the audience react?
- What stage directions are used and what was the intention of the writer?
- What is important about being written post WW2 but set in 1912? What is the social and historical context and why is this crucial to understanding Priestley's message?
- What methods does he use?

#### **Anthology of Poetry – Power and Conflict**

For this exam you will answer one comparative question on one named poem which is printed in the paper and one other poem from the anthology. You will need to know all of the poems as we won't know which one will be named and they need to link by theme and poetic devices used.

You need to know:

- Key quotes from each poem
- The general ideas of the poems
- The methods used
- The context of each poem and who the speaker is
- How to plan and write a comparison

#### **Unseen Poetry**

You will be pleased to know that this will be covered in lessons by your teacher! You will be expected to analyse a poem you have never read before and then compare it to another poem you have never read before. You will be expected to share your own interpretation of the poems and use quotes to support your points. You will also need to know the language and structural techniques that you use to analyse every other text in English and how to compare methods.