

English GCSEs

English Language

- Two papers
- Both have Reading Section A and Writing Section B

English Literature

- Two paper both 2 hours long
- 4 texts in total – AIC, WotW, Poetry, RnJ

English Literature GCSE: OCR J352

Paper 1 – 2 hours:

‘Exploring Modern and Literary Heritage texts’

- ✧ An Inspector Calls part a and part b – 1 hour 15 mins in total.
- ✧ The War of the Worlds – 45 mins.

Paper 2 – 2 hours:

‘Exploring Poetry and Shakespeare’

- ✧ Poetry Part a and part b - 1 hour 15 mins in total.
- ✧ Romeo and Juliet – 45 mins.



So we will study Literature like this:

Autumn Term – 13 school weeks.

- ✓ Revise **AIC**
- ✓ Revise **AIC Part b**
- ✓ Learn **AIC Part a**
- ✓ Revise **WotW** essays
- ✓ **PPEs**
- ✓ Begin **Poetry**

Spring Term – 12 school weeks.

- ✓ Continue with **Poetry** teaching and exam skills
- ✓ Revise **R+J**
- ✓ Core **PPEs**
- ✓ **Revise everything!**



Autumn term in more detail

- **5th Sept – 26th Sept -**
AIC revision and part bs.
- **28th Sept – 7th Nov -** AIC
part a
- **9th Nov – 25th Nov –**
WotW revision
- **12th Dec –** end of term –
begin poetry

- **Tues 27th Sept – AIC**
Part b exam in-class
- **Tues 8th Nov AIC part a**
in-class exam.
- **28th Nov – 9th Dec –**
WotW PPE



English Language GCSE: AQA 8700

Paper 1 – 1 hour 45 mins: 'writers creative choices'

- ✧ SECTION A – 1 hour – four reading questions on one extract
- ✧ SECTION B – 45 mins – choose one question from two – a descriptive piece or narrative piece of writing

Paper 2 – 1 hour 45 mins: 'Writers viewpoints and perspectives'

- ✧ SECTION A – 1 hour – four reading questions on two extracts
- ✧ SECTION B – 45 mins – one question on transactional writing



English Language – PiXL Wave

Why?

- Anxious students
- Complacent Students
- PiXL Wave is NATIONAL DATA – grade boundaries MOVE with national data.
- We are going to treat this like it is their real score. **There is historical data to suggest that this is one of the only things that really works for both sets of students above.**

English Language – PiXL Wave

- We need to do BOTH Paper 1 and Paper 2 English Language BEFORE the December PPEs
- DON'T PANIC! We have a plan ...

The Timescale

English Language:

- **4th November -Paper 2**
- **7th November – Mr. Nunn does Seminars in Hall on Paper 1 – P1+2 Y side; P3+4 X side**
- **22nd November – Paper 1**

English Literature

- **Tues 27th Sept – AIC Part b exam in-class**
- **Tues 8th Nov AIC part a in-class exam.**
- **28th Nov – 9th Dec – WotW PPEs**

At home

- Please encourage them to do HW – often learning or revising using GCSEpod.
- Help them learn quotations.
- Success in English Exams is about HOW you respond, we are spending a lot of time going over these processes but the pods on GCSEpod for Language do reinforce this – they need to WATCH the pods, not just do the questions.