



EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER

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Dear Parent/Carers

As the Year 11 GCSE examinations approach, please find English exam details below. The English department are running revision sessions after school - please see the timetable below for the content that will be covered and on which days. The pupils are aware of these sessions. As a reminder, the Pupils will not be able to take any texts into the exams.

ENGLISH GCSE EXAMS 2024

Monday 13th May - *Literature Paper 1, 1 hour and 45 minutes, 64 marks.*

Two sections –

- Section A: Shakespeare (Romeo and Juliet), one question to answer.
- Section B: 19th Century novel (A Christmas Carol), one question to answer.

Monday 20th May - *Literature Paper 2, 2 hours and 15 minutes, 96 marks.*

Three sections –

- Section A: Modern Prose/ drama (An Inspector Calls), one question to answer.
- Section B: Love and Relationships Poetry Anthology, one question to answer.
- Section C: Unseen poetry, two questions to answer.

Thursday 23rd May - *Language Paper 1 (fiction), 1 hour and 45 minutes, 80 marks.*

Two sections: Reading and writing –

- Section A Reading, 40 marks – one fiction extract with four questions to answer.
- Section B Writing, 40 marks – writing a story or description based on a picture or prompt.

Thursday 6th June - *Language Paper 2 (non-fiction), 1 hour and 45 minutes, 80 marks.*

Two sections: Reading and writing –

- Section A Reading, 40 marks – two non-fiction extracts with four questions to answer. *One extract is a 19th Century piece of writing.
- Section B Writing, 40 marks – pupils respond to a statement with their own viewpoint – they will be asked to do this by writing a speech, article, leaflet, essay or letter.

Useful areas for revision:

- Revision materials on Teams.
- Mock papers and feedback.
- Key quotes – one-word quotes!
- WAGOLs (example answers)
- Past papers, mark schemes and examples of exam papers www.aqa.org.uk/english
- BBC Bitesize has excellent resources for all areas that we study.
- A range of Collins and CGP guides .
- Mr Bruff videos on YouTube, as well as a variety of others.
- Pupils should be actively looking at all targets written on previous work to improve on past mistakes.

English revision sessions

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
AFTER SCHOOL (week 1 & week 2) 3pm - 4pm	A CHRISTMAS CAROL HMI M11	LANGUAGE PAPER 2 RTI E1	AN INSPECTOR CALLS ABR E4	LANGUAGE PAPER 1 STA S3
AFTER SCHOOL (week 1 & week 2) 3pm - 4pm	ROMEO AND JULIET CSA E3			POETRY CLG E2

**More revision sessions may be added - this information will go out to parents/ carers.*

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to get in contact via email: info@gms.bucks.sch.uk.

Yours faithfully

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