

## GCSE English Language and Literature

### Suggested Revision Tasks

Key:

	Short or very easy task. Complete these on days you just want to do some light revision.
	Longer revision tasks –will probably take 30 minutes to an hour. These don't include answering exam questions.
	Exam question tasks. You should complete a mixture of questions at your own pace as well as under timed conditions. Make sure you hand them to your teacher for feedback.

Remember that the revision activities below are just suggestions. Many of you will have received individual instructions about what and how to revise over the Easter break from you class teacher as well as being given exam papers and exam style questions to have a go at. You know where the gaps in your own knowledge lie and what you need to focus on, dip into the revision ideas below as and when you need to.

Exam Paper	Section	Revision Task	Further Ideas
☐ ☐	Section A	Computer Task: Read through the 'Responding to a	○ Have a go at completing exam questions und

English Language	(Reading)	Fiction Text' on the BBC Bitesize website (remember to choose AQA). Then, read the short extract they provide and create your own questions and answers.	<p>strict timed conditions to get you used to the pressures of the exam. (Specimen papers can be found on the AQA website:  <a href="http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-language-8700/assessment-resources">http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-language-8700/assessment-resources</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Find your own fiction extracts and create your own exam style questions and responses.</li> </ul>	
		Computer Task: Attempt one of the SAM reading tasks in the 'explorations into creative reading and writing' section.		
		Highlight key information in your exercise book and condense notes onto cue cards or mind-maps.		
		Computer Task: Use YouTube and have a look to see what Mr Bruff suggests for each question on the English Language Paper 1.		
	Section B (Writing)	Computer Task: Attempt some of the writing based tasks in the English Language BBC Bitesize section 'Writing Fiction'. <a href="https://www.bbc.com/education/guides/zy47xsg/revision">https://www.bbc.com/education/guides/zy47xsg/revision</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Find a picture from a magazine, newspaper or website and have a go at writing a piece of description or a story inspired by the picture. (Remember to only spend 45 minutes on this task).</li> </ul>
		Computer Task: Attempt one of the SAM writing tasks in the 'explorations into creative reading and writing' section.		
	Computer Task: Use YouTube and have a look to see what Mr Bruff suggests about Paper 1 Question 5.			
English Language	Section A (Reading)	Computer Task: Attempt some of the non-fiction based tasks in the English Language Non-Fiction BBC Bitesize section.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Have a go at completing exam questions under strict timed conditions to get you used to the pressures of the exam. (Specimen papers can be found on the AQA website:  <a href="http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-language-8700/assessment-resources">http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-language-8700/assessment-resources</a></li> </ul>	
		Computer Task: Attempt one of the reading SAM tasks in the 'writer's viewpoints and perspectives' section.		
		Take your exercise book home, highlight key		

		information and condense notes onto cue cards. Computer Task: Use YouTube and have a look to see what Mr Bruff suggests for each question on Paper 2 Section A.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Have a go at finding your own non-fiction extracts (newspapers, websites, autobiographies) and create your own exam-style questions and responses.</li> </ul>
	Section B (Writing)	Attempt some of the writing based tasks in the English Language BBC Bitesize 'Writing Non-Fiction' section.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 'Festivals and fairs should be banned as they encourage bad behaviour and are disruptive to local communities.' Write a letter to your local <b>newspaper</b> in which you <b>argue</b> for or against this point.</li> <li>● 'Floods, earthquakes, hurricanes and landslides – we see more and more reports of environmental disasters affecting the world and its people every day.' Write a text for a <b>speech</b> at a debate at your school in which you <b>persuade</b> young people to take more responsibility for protecting the environment.</li> <li>● 'Education is not just about which school you go to, what qualifications you gain; it is about what you learn from your experiences outside of school.' Write a <b>speech</b> for your school leavers' day to <b>explain</b> what you think makes a good education.</li> </ul>
		Attempt one of the SAM writing tasks in the 'explorations into creative reading and writing' section.	
		Take your exercise book home, highlight key information and condense notes onto cue cards.	
Computer Task: Use YouTube and have a look to see what Mr Bruff suggests for Paper 2 Question 5.			
English Literature Paper One	Section A: 'Romeo and Juliet'	Make notes or cue cards about key themes and characters in the play.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Have a go at completing the 'Romeo and Juliet' exam question from the specimen paper <a href="http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-literature-8702/assessment-resources">http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-literature-8702/assessment-resources</a></li> </ul>
		Use the PiXL Literature APP to revise the play.	
		Use the BBC Bitesize website to revise plot, themes, characters, exam style questions etc. from the 'Romeo and Juliet' section. <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zykncwx">https://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zykncwx</a>	

English Literature Paper Two		Attempt one of the SAM tasks on the play.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have a go at completing the ‘A Christmas Carol’ exam question from the specimen paper  <a href="http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-literature-8702/assessment-resources">http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-literature-8702/assessment-resources</a> </li> </ul>	
		Take your exercise book home, highlight key information and condense notes onto cue cards.		
	Section B: ‘A Christmas Carol’	Make notes or cue cards about the novella using BBC Bitesize.		
		Use the PiXL Literature APP to revise the novella.		
		Attempt one of the SAM tasks on the novella.		
		Take your exercise book home, highlight key information and condense notes onto cue cards.		
	Section A: ‘An Inspector Calls’	Make notes or cue cards about the key themes and characters in the play.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have a go at completing the ‘An Inspector Calls’ exam question from the specimen paper  <a href="http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-literature-8702/assessment-resources">http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-literature-8702/assessment-resources</a> </li> </ul>
		Use the PiXL Literature APP to revise the play.		
Attempt one of the SAM tasks on the play.				
Use your exercise book to highlight key information and create mind maps.				
Read through the revision guide to reaffirm your knowledge of the play.				
Section B: ‘Power and Conflict’ Anthology	Make notes or cue cards about the individual poems in the collection using BBC Bitesize.	Mix and match your essay question: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How is the theme of power presented in _____ and one other poem?</li> <li>How is the theme of conflict presented in _____ and one other poem?</li> <li>Have a go at completing the exam question from the specimen paper</li> </ul>		
	Attempt one of the SAM tasks on the anthology.			
	Using your exercise book, highlight key information and condense notes onto cue cards.			
	Look at the five poems that cover the themes that could crop up in the exam (‘Kamikaze’, ‘Remains’, ‘London’, ‘The Emigree’ and ‘Exposure’). Create revision posters			

		that focus on the language and structure of these poems.	<a href="http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-literature-8702/assessment-resources">http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-literature-8702/assessment-resources</a>
Section C: Unseen Poetry		Attempt the BBC Bitesize tasks (comparing poems section).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have a go at completing the exam question from the specimen paper</li> </ul> <a href="http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-literature-8702/assessment-resources">http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-literature-8702/assessment-resources</a>
		Attempt one of the SAM tasks on this section.	
		Using your exercise book, highlight key information and condense notes onto cue cards.	