

### **FAQ: Year 10 Parent Information Evening (English Literature GCSE)**

How many marks does my child need to secure a 6 in this paper? Currently we can only go off the grade boundaries from 2019. To achieve a grade 6 a student would need to get 62.5% so 100 marks. However, the papers have changed and the overall marks for both papers have changed too. Both papers are now out of 130 instead of 160. We are awaiting further guidance from AQA.

When will all revision books be available on ParentPay? All revision guides should now be on ParentPay.

Do you feel students will be at a disadvantage due to time lost not being in school this year for 4 months? No, as we have been allowed to drop one of the components of the exam (Power and Conflict poetry) so this allows us more time to focus on the other texts that we study. Current year 10s already study one of the texts (A Christmas Carol) in year 9.

Can you let me know what all the texts are please? Macbeth, Unseen poetry, An Inspector Calls, A Christmas Carol.

What is the most effective way to revise in order to retain the information? With Macbeth, for example, does it have to be done in any particular order? Thank you. I would advise for students to revise key quotes and analyse them without their notes, context of the play and Shakespeare's intentions. I would also advise to practise essay questions (available online or from their class teacher).

When the revision booklets will be available? They are now available.

Will the students definitely have the poetry within an exam? as i know there was talks of dropping it from this year's exam Students will be completing the Unseen poetry question. We have dropped the other poetry question which involved students learning 15 poems and then one of those coming up in the exam question where they would have to compare it to another poem they have studied.

Do they definitely need to do the poetry section? My son thinks his teacher has told them that this part is no longer required? Year 10 will be completing the Unseen poetry component but not the power and conflict component.

How is my child doing in English? Please feel free to contact your son/daughter's English teacher via email if you have any questions regarding individual students; contact information is on our website.