



# Welcome!

**MATHEMATICS AND ENGLISH**

Information Evening 2017

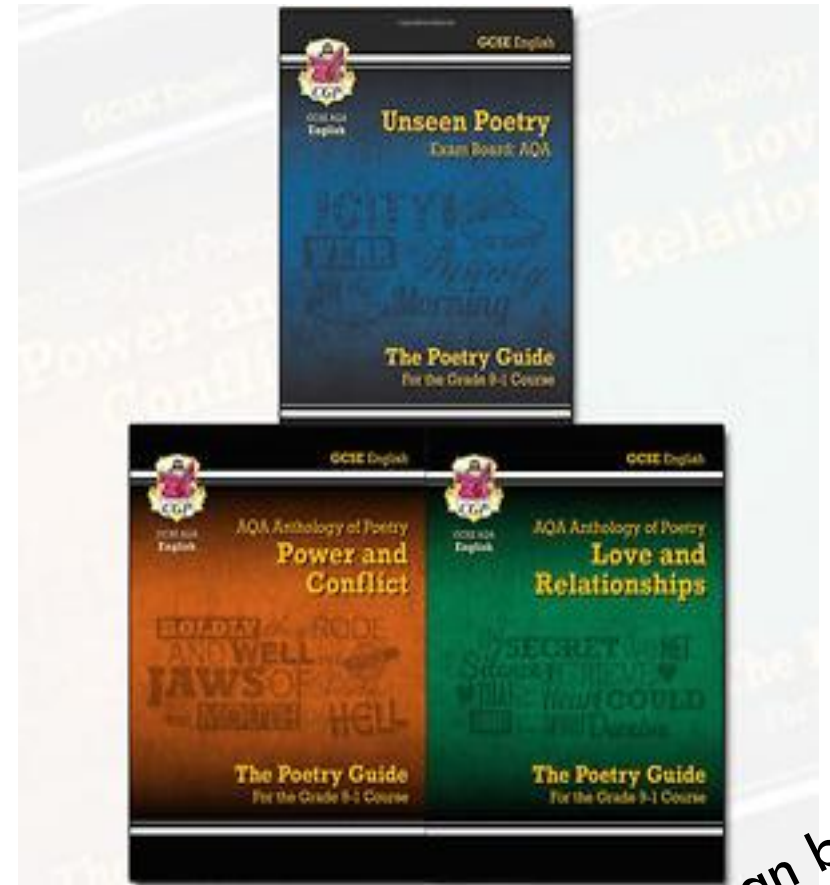
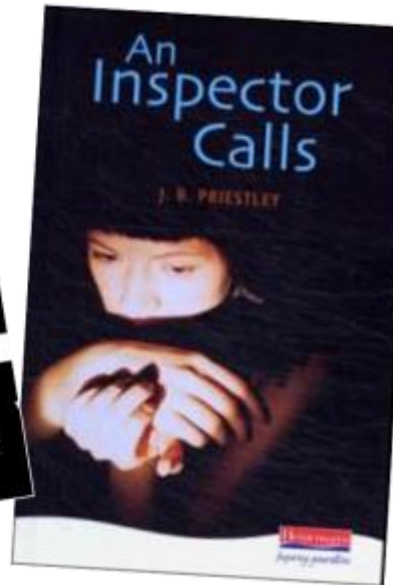
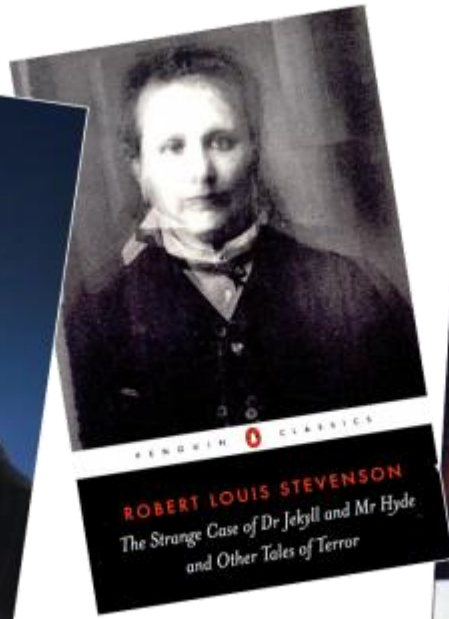
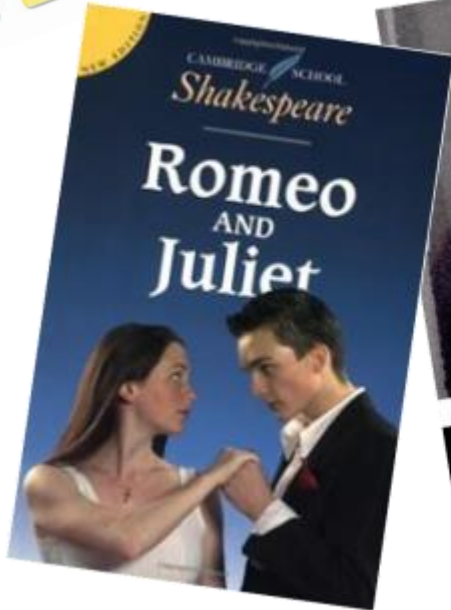
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# THE IMPORTANCE OF MATHS AND ENGLISH IN YEAR 11

- ❑ Provides transferable skills
- ❑ Confidence when approaching other exams in the summer
- ❑ Access to Post 16 Education
- ❑ Allows for a full set of 4 A Levels
- ❑ Requirement for the vast majority of University Courses
- ❑ Employability

# EQUIPMENT NEEDED FOR ENGLISH LESSONS



All class books and revision guides can be purchased in the school shop

# WHAT ARE THE KEY SKILLS FOR STUDENTS IN OUR SUBJECT?

## Language

- Reading the question
- Reading comprehension
- Writing and grammatical skills
- Ability to analyse and decode different styles of text from different years.
- Extended writing (including the writer's effects)

## Literature

- Reading the question
- Analysing language, structure and form
- Considering the author's intent and views
- Showing an understanding of character, theme and plot
- Using and analysing language features with subject terminology
- Both exams are closed book and so the more they read the text the better

➤ Students need to be practising these skills every day, it's the only way to improve.

# OVERVIEW

- 4 English papers – 2 Literature and 2 Language
- Separate qualifications
- Every student is entered for the same tier – regardless of ability
- All students are aiming to achieve the Grade 4.

# LANGUAGE

## EXAM:

### Paper 1-Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing

#### What's assessed?

**Section A:** Reading- one literature fiction text

**Section B:** Writing- descriptive or narrative writing

Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes

80 marks

50 % of GCSE

### Paper 2- Paper 2: Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives

#### What's assessed?

**Section A:** Reading- one non-fiction text and one literary non-fiction text

**Section B:** Writing - writing to present a viewpoint

Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes

80 marks

50 % of GCSE





My work is on the computer at school...

It doesn't have to be in for ages, I have lots of time...

My teacher never gives me homework...

We only have to look something up on the computer...



# DO YOU HEAR THESE PHRASES OFTEN?



<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-literature-8702>

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-language-8700>



# HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Revision Books- These can be purchased online or in our school shop

Purchasing the text books to allow your child to read at home enabling them to make revision notes as they go along

Look online with your child and ensure they complete homework given by their class teacher



Looking through different texts with your child, from different eras (19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century texts)

Work on your child's vocabulary and try to use new words together each week

# KEY DATES – PREPARING FOR THE IGCSE

## Mock exams:

Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> November for 2 weeks

Literature Paper 2

Language Paper 1 & 2

## Real Exams:

- ❖ AQA English Language Paper 1 – 5/6/18
- ❖ AQA English Language Paper 2 – 8/6/18
- ❖ AQA English Literature Paper 1 – 22/5/18
- ❖ AQA English Literature Paper 2 – 25/5/18

