



GCSE English Language GCSE English Literature

Revision Guide December 2024–May 2025

Exam Specification and General Support

Exam specification and exam board	English Language (AQA 8700) English Literature (AQA 8702)
Past paper questions	English Language English Literature
Useful revision websites	BBC Bitesize Language BBC Bitesize Literature GCSE Pod
Shakespeare ('Macbeth') and the 19th Century Novel ('The Strange Casted Jekyll and Mr Hyde') — 12 May 2025 (AM) — 1h 45m Modern texts ('An Inspector Calls') and Poetry ('Power and Conflict' and and unseen poetry) — 20 May 2025 (AM) — 2h 15m Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing — 23 May 2025 (AM) — 1h Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives — 6 June 2025 (AM) — 1h 45m	





Week	Activity 1 Theme 1	Activity 2 Theme 2
1 2.12.24	P&C – 'My Last Duchess' You should use the 'power and conflict' booklet you were given in class and complete the page on 'My Last Duchess'.	Language Paper 1 – Q1 &2 Read the extract on page 2 of your Language Paper 1 workbook and complete question 1 and one paragraph for Q2. Write your answers on the lined pages at the back of the booklet.
2 9.12.24	'Jekyll and Hyde' – Plot summaries Complete the plot summary pages of the 'Jekyll and Hyde' revision booklet by reading page 2 and summarising each chapter in one sentence with an image on pages 3 and 4.	'An Inspector Calls' – Context Complete the context page of the 'An Inspector Calls' revision booklet on page 2.
3 16.12.24	P&C – 'Storm on the Island' You should use the 'power and conflict' booklet you were given in class and complete the page on 'Storm on the Island'.	Language Paper 1 – Q5 Read writing question on page 4 of your Language Paper 1 workbook and write a paragraph for the opening of Q5. Write your work on the lined pages at the back of the booklet.
XMAS BREAK	'Jekyll and Hyde' – Context Complete the context page of the 'Jekyll and Hyde' revision booklet on page 5.	'An Inspector Calls' – Mr Birling Complete the Mr Birling page of the 'An Inspector Calls' revision booklet.
4 6.01.25	P&C – 'The Prelude' You should use the 'power and conflict' booklet you were given in class and complete the page on 'The Prelude'.	Language Paper 1 – Q3 &4 Read the extract on page 5 of your Language Paper 1 workbook and write one paragraph for Q3 and one paragraph for Q4. Write your answers on the lined pages at the back of the booklet.
5 13.01.25	'Jekyll and Hyde' – Setting Complete the setting page of the 'Jekyll and Hyde' revision booklet on page 6.	'An Inspector Calls' – Mrs Birling Complete the Mrs Birling page of the 'An Inspector Calls' revision booklet.
6 20.01.25	P&C – 'Checking Out My History' You should use the 'power and conflict' booklet you were given in class and complete the page on 'Checking Out My History'.	Language Paper 1 – Q5 Read writing question on page 7 of your Language Paper 1 workbook and write a paragraph for Q5. Write your work on the lined pages at the back of the booklet.





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7 27.01.25	'Jekyll and Hyde' – Jekyll Complete the Jekyll page of the 'Jekyll and Hyde' revision booklet on page 8.	'An Inspector Calls' – Sheila Complete the Sheila page of the 'An Inspector Calls' revision booklet.	
8 3.02.25	P&C – 'Kamikaze' You should use the 'power and conflict' booklet you were given in class and complete the page on 'Kamikaze'.	Language Paper 2 – Q1 & 2 Read the extracts on pages 3-5 in your Language Paper 2 workbook. Complete question 1 and a paragraph for Q2. Questions can be found on page 2. Write your answers on the lined pages at the back of the booklet.	
9 10.02.25	'Jekyll and Hyde' – Hyde Complete the Hyde page of the 'Jekyll and Hyde' revision booklet on page 9.	'An Inspector Calls' – Eric Complete the Eric page of the 'An Inspector Calls' revision booklet.	
HALF TERM	P&C – 'The Emigree' You should use the 'power and conflict' booklet you were given in class and complete the page on 'The Emigree'.	Language Paper 2 – Q5 Read writing question on page 2 of your Language Paper 2 workbook and write a paragraph for the opening of Q5. Write your work on the lined pages at the back of the booklet.	
10	MOCK WEEKS		
24.02.25	'Jekyll and Hyde' – Mr Utterson	'An Inspector Calls' – Gerald	
11 03.03.25	Complete the Mr Utterson page of the 'Jekyll and Hyde' revision booklet on page 10.	Complete the Gerald page of the 'An Inspector Calls' revision booklet.	
12 10.03.25	P&C – 'Tissue' You should use the 'power and conflict' booklet you were given in class and complete the page on 'Tissue'.	Language Paper 2 – Q3 &4 Read the extracts on page 10 -12 of your Language Paper 2 workbook and write one paragraph for Q3 and one paragraph for Q4. Write your answers on the lined pages at the back of the booklet.	





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13 17.03.25	'Jekyll and Hyde' – Dr Lanyon Complete the Dr Lanyon page of the 'Jekyll and Hyde' revision booklet on page 11.	'An Inspector Calls' – Eva Smith Complete the Eva Smith page of the 'An Inspector Calls' revision booklet.
14 24.03.25	Unseen poetry practice 1 Complete the 'unseen poetry practice 1' page of your unseen poetry revision workbook.	Language Paper 2 – Q5 Read writing question on page 6 of your Language Paper 2 workbook and write a paragraph for the opening of Q5. Write your work on the lined pages at the back of the booklet.
15 31.03.24	'Jekyll and Hyde' – Duality Complete the theme of duality page of the 'Jekyll and Hyde' revision booklet on page 13.	'An Inspector Calls' – The Inspector Complete the Sheila page of the 'An Inspector Calls' revision booklet.
EASTER BREAK	Unseen poetry practice 2 Complete the 'unseen poetry practice 2' page of your unseen poetry revision workbook.	'An Inspector Calls' – Class Complete the theme of class page of the 'An Inspector Calls' revision booklet.
15 21.04.25	'Jekyll and Hyde' – Science v Religion Complete the theme of science v religion page of the 'Jekyll and Hyde' revision booklet on page 14.	Unseen poetry practice 3 Complete the 'unseen poetry practice 3' page of your unseen poetry revision workbook.
16 28.04.25	Unseen poetry practice 4 Complete the 'unseen poetry practice 4' page of your unseen poetry revision workbook.	'An Inspector Calls' – Morality Complete the theme of morality page of the 'An Inspector Calls' revision booklet.





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17 05.05.25	'Jekyll and Hyde' – Reputation Complete the theme of reputation page of the 'Jekyll and Hyde' revision booklet on page 15.	'An Inspector Calls' – Gender Complete the theme of morality page of the 'An Inspector Calls' revision booklet.	
	Literature Paper 1		
18 12.05.25	'Jekyll and Hyde' Complete the final vocabulary building task in your 'Jekyll and Hyde' revision booklet.	'Macbeth' Complete an A-Z of Macbethcome up with a useful word for each letter (and supporting quotation if possible!). For example: A is for ambition – the play serves as a warning for anyone who has the ambition to usurp the monarch and disrupt the natural order.	
	Literature Paper 2 Language Paper 1		
19 19.05.24	Unseen poetry practice 5 Complete the 'unseen poetry practice 5' page of your unseen poetry revision workbook.	'An Inspector Calls' – Generation Gap Complete the theme of the generation gap page of the 'An Inspector Calls' revision booklet.	