

How to revise:

Literature

Read the novel /plays at least **3 times**

Create notes/mind maps on each character and theme. Learn at least 5 quotations for each.

Plan essays on each of the characters and themes (I find that writing about the characters in relation to the themes is ideal: Macbeth – appearance (loyal to Duncan) / reality (driven by power / witches' prophecies / Lady Macbeth)
Plans should include the topic sentence of each paragraph, followed by 4 related key points (with quotations) and finally, A clinching point (summative point)

A nice resource for unseen poetry - <http://resources.eduqas.co.uk/Pages/ResourceSingle.aspx?rlid=650>

Language

Know your punctuation weaknesses (comma placement, semi-colons, colons etc.) and then use the internet to help you learn the rules and practice using them:

http://www.bristol.ac.uk/arts/exercises/grammar/grammar_tutorial/index.htm

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/english>

<http://www.chompchomp.com/menu.htm>

Read the following papers online as they are free:

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk>

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/home/index.html>

<http://www.independent.co.uk/>

Read the Sunday newspapers (Times, Observer, Daily Mail, Telegraph) as they contain reviews and comment pages and letters pages

For music reviews and sometimes interesting articles and comments it is well worth reading The Big Issue, and the NME

Practise writing letters, articles and reviews for **different audiences**

Also useful

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/> - very clear and helpful resources to support the study of texts and revision

www.universalteacher.org.uk - detailed and helpful site with loads of notes to support the study of the Literature texts.

www.sparknotes.com - an American site (watch out for different spellings!) but useful notes on the Literature texts.

www.englishbiz.co.uk – helpful revision site for the Literature texts

www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise - helpful notes and test resources to revise spelling, punctuation and grammar

www.gcse.com/english - a useful general revision site

www.youtube.com – there are an increasing number of useful tutorials available which focus on important GCSE skills and the English Literature texts

www.google.co.uk – always a useful source of articles and other relevant information

<http://www.slideshare.net/> (treat with caution)

Books

Excellent revision guides for the English Literature texts are produced by CGP Books (www.cgpbooks.co.uk) and York Notes (www.yorknotes.com). The CGP books tend to be more accessible and include lots of illustrations whereas the York Notes tend to be more detailed.

Textbooks are expensive but can be very helpful. It is important to ensure that any purchased are for the GCSE for award from 2016. Some recommended titles:

WJEC Eduqas GCSE English Language Student's Book

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