



# Preparing for my **GCSE ENGLISH LITERATURE** exams

## Which syllabus am I studying?

- Exam board: AQA
- Title: *Shakespeare and the 19<sup>th</sup> Century Novel and Modern Texts and Poetry*
- Specification code: 8702
- Content: A Shakespeare play (*Romeo and Juliet*), a 19<sup>th</sup> Century novel (*A Christmas Carol* or *The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde*), a 20<sup>th</sup> Century drama (*An Inspector Calls*), an anthology of poems (AQA's *Power and Conflict* cluster) and unseen poetry.

## When are the exams and how long are they?

- Both exams take place during the summer term of year 11. Paper 1 is 1 hour 45 minutes in length whilst paper 2 is 2 hours 15 minutes long.

## What is in the exams?

- Paper 1 – Section A: one question on an extract from a studied Shakespeare play. Section B: one question on an extract from a studied 19<sup>th</sup> Century novel
- Paper 2 – Section A: a choice of two questions on a studied 20<sup>th</sup> Century drama. Section

## What do the exams (and mark schemes) look like?

- Specimen papers will be uploaded onto the website at the beginning of year 11.

## What are the key revision resources that I should be using?

- Your exercise books are your most important revision resources.
- GCP revision guides and workbooks are also very useful.

## What are some useful websites to help me revise?

*Paper one and paper two:*

- BBC Bitesize English Literature: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zckw2hv>
- Mr Bruff's Youtube channel:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TSE04T8fcts&list=PLqGFsWf-P-cB7YAoARj6iAFCglAfy9aN2>