



# Revision Guidance

Ely College English Department



## Are you finding it difficult to revise for English?

With less than a month to do you may be feeling daunted by the prospect of how to improve your grade. Worry no more! The English Department has put together this newsletter with reminders of where to find all the resources we have provided for you to help you succeed.

We also have some more suggestions of where to find additional help and how to revise.



## **Show My Homework: not just for homework!**

If you haven't already checked, there are loads of resources on Show My Home Work. Log on to find:

- ▷ **Revision guides** for each paper with tasks you can complete.
- ▷ **Revision mats** for every literature text with overviews of key points and important quotations.
- ▷ **AQA 'Do now' mini tasks** you can complete to reinforce your revision

We are also now **uploading quizzes every week up until your exams**, to help you recall and revise all essential facts and quotations.

## *Which exam is which?*

### **Literature**

Paper 1: Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May am

Macbeth and A Christmas Carol

Paper 2: Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May am  
An Inspector Calls and Poetry

### **Language**

Paper 1: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June am

Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing

Paper 2: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June am

Writers' Viewpoints and perspectives

*Don't forget that two **Session 6 revision sessions are run by English teachers every week:***

*Monday: Poetry Revision  
Wednesday: General revision*

***That's two hours extra help available per week!***

Revision doesn't have to take place online!

**Don't forget** you have already been given **revision guides** for each topic! Work through these to revise for both your language and literature exams.

You also have been loaned **copies of the key texts** and have been given your own **poetry anthology**.

Have you **re-read your literature texts** yet? You should read through the texts again in their entirety, so you know them really well.

Find it difficult to concentrate on reading? Why not download an **audiobook** and listen when you are travelling to and from school?

The Audible website offers a 30-day free trial, so you could download: Macbeth, A Christmas Carol, An Inspector Calls and audio tutorials on the Power and Conflict poetry all free!

Make sure you avoid as many distractions as you can when you are revising.

If you are practising exam style questions and/or creating written work, turn your phone off and keep away from iPads, laptops etc.!

If you are using a website or app to help you revise, log out of all your social media and turn off all notifications so you aren't tempted to check them.

Have you discovered **Mr Bruff's youtube channel** yet? There is a multitude of excellent videos on here, ranging from the Power and Conflict poems to how to answer the language questions!

One of the many benefits of these videos is that you can stop them, rewind them and watch them as many times as you like to make lots of **useful notes** on information and skills you can use in your examinations.

[www.youtube.com/user/mrbruff](http://www.youtube.com/user/mrbruff)



Do you get last minute nerves?  
Then come to the English **exam morning breakfast club**  
**Open to all**  
8.00 -8.30am on exam mornings  
Main Hall – with Mrs. Burke

The most important thing now is not to panic. Use the help and resources available to you; make sure you speak to your teacher about anything you are struggling with and revise your texts and language exam skills thoroughly.

Good luck!

### What else could you do?

There are so many different ways of revising!

Have you:

Read opinion articles on newspaper websites online?

Practised writing creatively under timed conditions?

Practised writing a letter about a topic you feel strongly about?

Completed old/example exam papers?

Created character and theme quotation banks?