

Dear parent/carer,

Your child is now in the middle of their GCSE English Literature course and will be entered for the **actual** GCSE examination in May 2024. The dates of the exams are as follows:

<p>English Literature Paper 1 <b>Monday 13th May 2024</b></p>	<p>English Literature Paper 2 <b>Monday 20th May 2024</b></p>
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As always, do not book holidays in term-time and, where you can, ensure your child attends each day; children who are in school learning, make better progress.

GCSE English Literature is a content-heavy subject with 5 components to the exam. By giving pupils the opportunity to sit the exam in Y10, they are able to focus their revision on this qualification, spend more time developing their understanding of the texts and manage their time and workload more effectively.

The five components of the GCSE are:

<p><b>Literature Paper 1</b> <b>1 hour 45 minutes (64 marks)</b></p>		<p><b>Literature Paper 2</b> <b>2 hours 15 minutes (96 marks)</b></p>		
<p><b>Macbeth</b> 30 marks + 4 SPaG 50 minutes</p>	<p><b>The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde</b> 30 marks 50 minutes</p>	<p><b>A Taste of Honey</b> 30 marks +4 SPaG 45 minutes</p>	<p><b>Power and Conflict poetry (15 poems)</b> 30 marks 45 minutes</p>	<p><b>Unseen Poetry</b> 1. 24 marks 30-35 minutes 2. 8 marks 10-15 minutes</p>

### Set Texts

All pupils have been given a copy of "The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde", and they also have a copy of the Power and Conflict anthology. Many pupils bought a copy of "Macbeth" in Y9, when we initially studied this set text.

Your child will study “A Taste of Honey” after October half term. It is recommended that pupils have their own copies of the text to highlight and annotate where possible. These can be purchased from the Finance Office or via ParentPay and are priced at £9. Pupils in receipt of free school meals should ask their English teacher for further information. Other editions may be available online at a lower price, for example on Amazon.

### Homework: Guided Revision

- Y10 English revision homework is set and collected on **Mondays** with an immediate detention if it is not handed in or completed to a high standard.
  - Y10s have a guided revision homework booklet each half term. These include tasks such as revision quizzes, past papers, quotation revision, character tracking, and essay support.
- All homework information is on Go4Schools, Google Classroom and reminders are emailed.
- Guided revision homework is an essential part of the course; it is deliberately designed to overlap and reinforce the learning in the curriculum. Pupils who completed 75% or more of the set homework last year made **double** the progress of those who completed 40-50% of the tasks.
- Tutor time revision is also set and tracked every week; positive logs are rewarded for completion.

### Other useful Information for Y10 pupils and parents

- **After-school English revision is on Mondays 3.15-4.00pm in 1-03.**
- Examples of revision materials, tutor time revision tasks, past papers and digital set texts are all available on the Y10 English Literature Google Classroom (The Y10 Google Classroom code is: [3r43j32](#)).
- English revision guides are available to buy from the Finance Office and they will be available to order at Parents’ Evening on Thursday 23rd November.
- Later in the year, we have also scheduled live Theatre performances of “Macbeth”, and “Jekyll and Hyde”, and we have a full digital performance of “A Taste of Honey” to ensure that all pupils can access and experience the texts as they were intended to be performed.

Your support with encouraging and reminding your child to keep on top of their guided and independent revision is crucial; together, we can ensure that your child is on track for success this year.

If you have any questions, please contact your child’s English teacher or Miss Nicklin, Head of English ([l.nicklin@oakwood.ac](mailto:l.nicklin@oakwood.ac)).