



WELCOME

Year 10
Parents'
Information
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Year 10 Information

Head of year: Miss Robinson

Pastoral Lead: Mr Jones

SLT Link: Ms Loydall



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Examined subjects in year 10

- GCSE English Literature (May 2026)
- Engineering (January 2026)
- Health and Social Care (May 2026)
- Art (Coursework begins)
- Photography (Coursework begins)



Why Early Entry?

- Students' achievement.
 - Historical Achievement
 - Sense of what the expectations are for next year.
 - Cut down on the amount of exams and revision required for next year.



Grading new GCSEs from 2017

New grading structure	Current grading structure
9	A*
8	
7	
6	B
⑤ STRONG PASS	
④ STANDARD PASS	
3	D
2	E
1	F
	G
U	U

Bromcom



- Enables parents to keep track of:
 - Attendance
 - Achievement
 - Behaviour
 - Homework
 - Information from school



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Year 10 English Literature

Mrs Stacey Blewitt

Teacher in charge of GCSE English Literature



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Key Information

- English Language and English Literature are two separate, equally important GCSE qualifications
- English Literature assesses reading skills through pre-read texts and some unseen material
- English Literature exams are 'closed text'. i.e. Students will not take copies of the text into the exam
- It is a qualification that is 100% exam
- There will be 2 exams this year
- There are no tiers of entry: all students sit the same exam

Important dates and Information

- Tuesday 13th January 2026 - parents' evening
- Mock exams (PPEs) - W/C 8th December 2025
W/C- 9th March 2026
- 'Parents' Support for Success' evening – Wednesday 15th April 2026
(close to the exams – key updates, messages and guidance directly from class teachers)

Exam dates: **Paper 1 - 11th May 2026 (am)**

Paper 2 - 19th May 2026 (am) (Both before May half term!)

Split Entry

English Literature (2 exams)

English Language (2 exams)

100% Exams

Closed book

Year 10: English Literature GCSE

No option to re-sit offered by the school: Language content only in Yr11



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GCSE English Literature: Paper 1

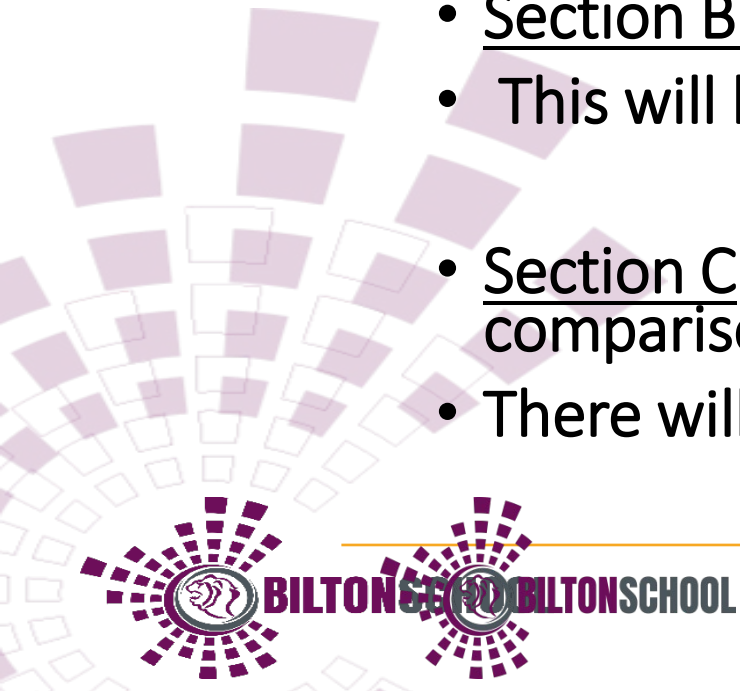
Shakespeare and 19th Century novel (1 hour and 45 minutes)

- Section A will be on Shakespeare: 'Macbeth'
- An extract based question linked to the wider text on theme or character
- Section B will be on 19th Century Literature: 'A Christmas Carol'
- An extract based question linked to the wider text on theme or character

GCSE English Literature: Paper 2

Modern Texts and Poetry (2 hours and 15 minutes)

- Section A will be on 'An Inspector Calls'
- An essay question
- Section B will be a comparative essay with ONE named poem
- This will be based on the anthology 'Power and Conflict'
- Section C will be one question on an unseen poem, followed by a comparison with another unseen poem
- There will be two questions in Section C



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What will it look like?

Autumn Term:

'Macbeth'

'A Christmas Carol'

Spring Term:

Power and Conflict poetry

Unseen poetry

'An Inspector Calls' revision

Summer Term:

Revision

Drop down days

Exams

Speaking and Listening

Paper 2, Question 5

English Language Course begins



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What are we doing?

- Masterclasses (Mondays – timetable shared on Bromcom)
- Assessments and mock exams
- Revision grid on Bromcom – weekly tasks
- An essay a week (Thursdays/Fridays)
- Form time programme – key skills on the run up to the final exams
- Immersion days: Friday 8th May and Monday 18th May 2026
- Seeing productions

How can you help?

- Encourage re-reading of the 4 studied texts for English Literature
- Argue...I mean debate!
- Encourage wider reading of 20th and 21st Century novels
- Support your son/daughter to revise English Literature from now!
- Get your son/daughter to practise writing in timed conditions (or extra essays!)
- In-depth analysis
- Vocabulary
- Testing knowledge on quotes
- Provide opportunities for the use of study guides, either in print, online or via mobile/tablet apps (TikTok, GCSE pod, Youtube, Revision Guides available from school)
- Practise reading texts from the past together e.g. Letters or diaries or novels by famous writers such as Charles Dickens, Jane Austen, George Eliot, Charles Darwin

Purchasing the texts themselves

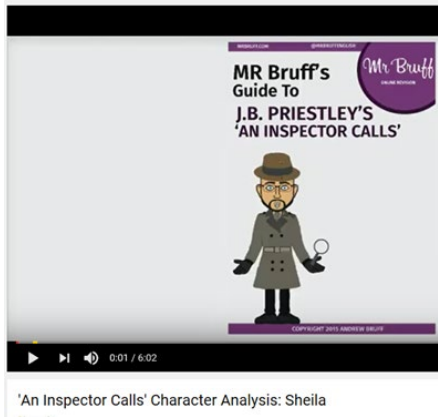
- Macbeth (Shakespeare)
- An Inspector Calls (Priestley)
- A Christmas Carol (Dickens)

(Students are provided with the Poetry Anthology)

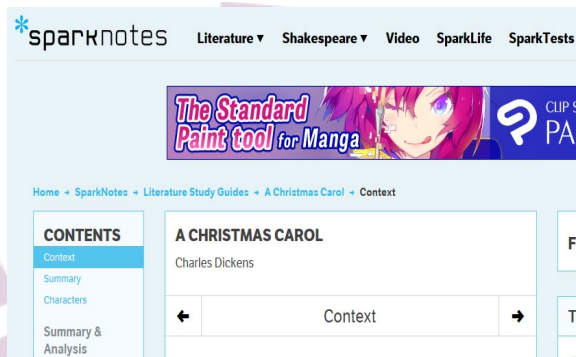
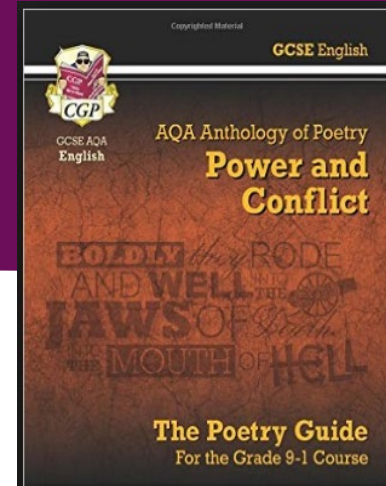
All can be ordered through the school using Parent Pay (by 3rd October please) OR by yourselves at home.

Any version – annotation is extremely useful in class!

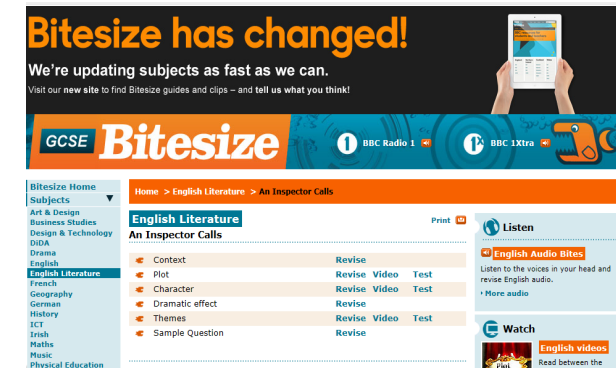
Student Apps and Revision Materials



- Students have access to a range of apps
 - **English (and a variety of other subjects)**
 - GCSE Pod
 - Seneca



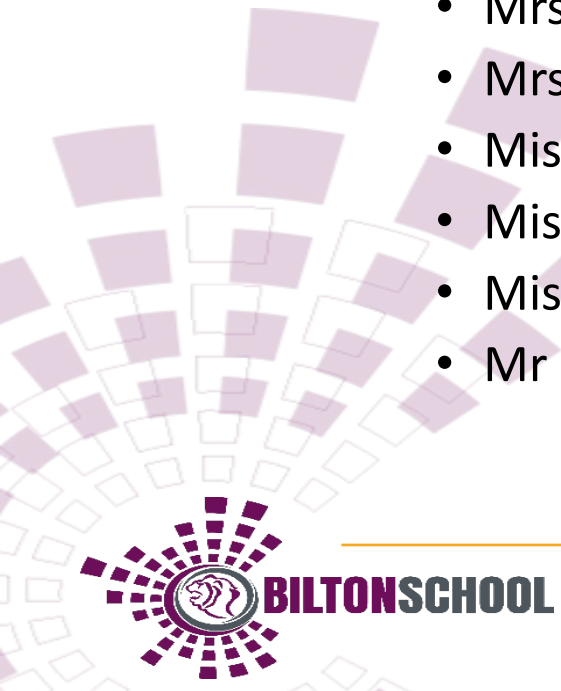
- Revision guides
- Order on parent pay:
- Macbeth £3.50
 - A Christmas Carol £3.50
 - An Inspector Calls £3.50
 - Power and Conflict £3.50
 - Unseen Poetry £3.50



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English Literature teachers

- Mrs Gill (Head of Department)
- Mrs Blewitt (2nd in Department and in charge of Yr10)
- Miss Spencer
- Mrs Payne
- Miss Maryon
- Mrs Loydall
- Mrs Andrews
- Miss Keay
- Miss Pryor
- Miss Crickmore
- Mr Laffey



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Thank you for listening!

Please feel free to contact me or your son/daughter's English teacher for any more advice.



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