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# Prep for Success

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## Key Dates

**November Exams:**

**Begin Monday 7 November, 2 weeks**

**Prep**

**Importance**



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## **Actual exams**

Start on 15 May, last exam tends to be end of June, with a contingency date at that point.

Expecting a more conventional timetable this year



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## Key Dates

**English, Maths, Science exams**

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# Why are the November exams important?

Average increase in grade between November and July is +0.56

Nailsea Y11 last year Mocks English -0.55, real thing +0.03  
In EBACC subjects -0.61 became +0.11

Milestone

Revising for the November exams doubles up: it secures content before the final components are taught. It lessens the revision burden.



## Revision (and class charts)

### Active Revision Tasks for the November Exams:

Completing these tasks answers the question 'how do I revise for English?'

Topic	Task	Done?
<b>Macbeth</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Revise the character Macbeth: find 5 quotes for Macbeth and analyse them.</li> <li>2. Revise the character Lady Macbeth: find 5 quotes for Lady Macbeth and analyse them.</li> <li>3. Revise the character Macduff: find 5 quotes for Macduff and analyse them</li> <li>4. Revise the theme of guilt: mindmap how the theme is presented, find 5 key quotes and analyse them.</li> <li>5. Revise the theme of betrayal: mindmap how the theme is presented, find 5 key quotes and analyse them.</li> <li>6. Revise the theme of ambition: mindmap how the theme is presented, find 5 key quotes and analyse them.</li> <li>7. Re-read and look at your notes for Act 1, Scene 1; Act 1, Scene 5; Act 1, Scene 7; Act 2, Scene 1; Act 2, Scene 2; Act 3, Scene 1; Act 3, Scene 4; Act 4, Scene 1; Act 5, Scene 1; and Act 5, Scene 5.</li> <li>8. Do <a href="#">this specimen paper</a> from Eduqas (the Macbeth bit ONLY – there are two questions).</li> </ol>	
<b>An Inspector Calls</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Revise the character Sheila: find 5 quotes for the character and analyse them.</li> <li>2. Revise the character Mr Birling: find 5 quotes for the character and analyse them.</li> <li>3. Revise the character Mrs Birling: find 5 quotes for the character and analyse them.</li> <li>4. Revise the character Gerald: find 5 quotes for the character and analyse them.</li> <li>5. Revise the theme social responsibility: mindmap how the theme is presented, find 5 key quotes and analyse them.</li> <li>6. Revise the theme of age: mindmap how the theme is presented, find 5 key quotes and analyse them.</li> <li>7. Complete any of the tasks in this <a href="#">revision booklet</a>.</li> </ol>	
<i>Tackle these tasks: get your teacher to mark them and give you feedback – repeat</i>		



## Use a range of revision strategies – whatever works best

These are good for content

- Flash cards (make these)
- Missing words
- Images/coding
- Mnemonic
- Acronyms

These are good for skills and improvement

- Practising short answer questions
- Essay plans
- Past papers
- Longer essays – hand in to teacher for feedback



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## **Exam Rubric and technique**

- Timings and mark tariffs
- Question types and what is being assessed
- Terminology
- Practice papers; CGP workbooks, revision guides
- Timings





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- Home and school
- Rewards
- Phones
- Space

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## **Period 6 – every week; starts Tuesday**

- 3.10 until 4pm
- Some taught content, some targeted tutoring, some drop-in support
- All welcome, some ‘encouraged’
- STATS: students did this...
- INSERT TIMETABLE



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Aspiration

6<sup>th</sup> form, College, Employment

Next steps

Pathways

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## **Supporting at home**

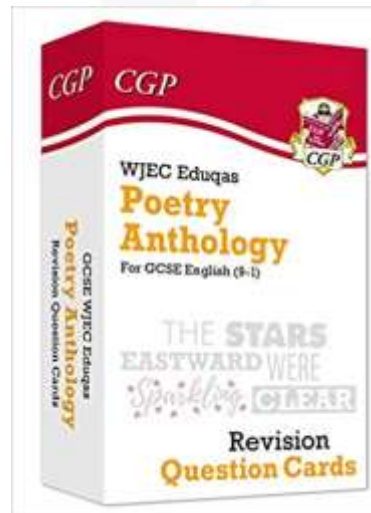
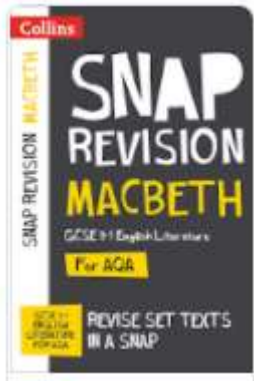
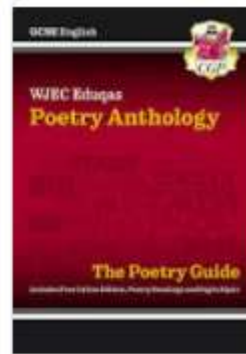
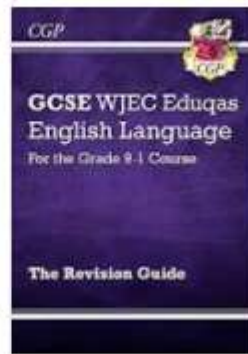
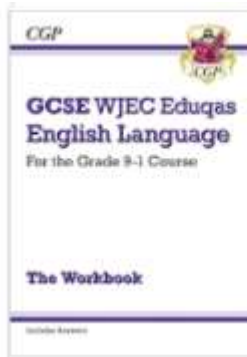
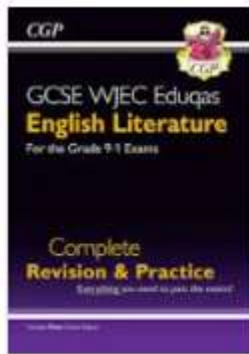
- Timings – speed planning; distinct paragraphs
- Practice!
- Phone use
- Quiet space
- Content vs Skills



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## Additional Resources to get...





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## Useful websites:

- GCSE Pod
- BBC Bitesize
- Spark Notes
- Quizlet (flashcard generator)
- Lots of content on youtube, some more useful than others



*Reminder* - active revision and practice is best



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- Key concerns

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