



## EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER

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4<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Dear Parent/Carers

As the Year 11 GCSE examinations approach, please find English exam details below. The English department are running revision sessions after school - please see the timetable below for the content that will be covered and on which days. The pupils are aware of these sessions. As a reminder, the Pupils will not be able to take any texts into the exams.

### **ENGLISH GCSE EXAMS 2025**

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May** - *Literature Paper 1, 1 hour and 45 minutes, 64 marks.*

Two sections –

- Section A: Shakespeare (Romeo and Juliet), one question to answer.
- Section B: 19<sup>th</sup> Century novel (A Christmas Carol), one question to answer.

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May** - *Literature Paper 2, 2 hours and 15 minutes, 96 marks.*

Three sections –

- Section A: Modern Prose/ drama (An Inspector Calls), one question to answer.
- Section B: Love and Relationships Poetry Anthology, one question to answer.
- Section C: Unseen poetry, two questions to answer.

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** - *Language Paper 1 (fiction), 1 hour and 45 minutes, 80 marks.*

Two sections: Reading and writing –

- Section A Reading, 40 marks – one fiction extract with four questions to answer.
- Section B Writing, 40 marks – writing a story or description based on a picture or prompt.

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June** - *Language Paper 2 (non-fiction), 1 hour and 45 minutes, 80 marks.*

Two sections: Reading and writing –

- Section A Reading, 40 marks – two non-fiction extracts with four questions to answer. \*One extract is a 19<sup>th</sup> Century piece of writing.
- Section B Writing, 40 marks – pupils respond to a statement with their own viewpoint – they will be asked to do this by writing a speech, article, leaflet, essay or letter.

### **Useful areas for revision:**

- Revision materials on Teams.
- Mock papers and feedback.
- Key quotes – one-word quotes!
- WAGOLLS (example answers)
- Past papers, mark schemes and examples of exam papers [www.aqa.org.uk/english](http://www.aqa.org.uk/english)
- BBC Bitesize has excellent resources for all areas that we study.
- A range of Collins and CGP guides .
- Mr Bruff videos on YouTube, as well as a variety of others.
- Pupils should be actively looking at all targets written on previous work to improve on past mistakes.

### **English revision sessions**

<b>3pm – 4pm</b>	<b>Eng Lang Paper 1</b> <b>RTI</b> <b>E1</b>	<b>Poetry</b> <b>AWI</b> <b>S4</b>	<b>An Inspector</b> <b>Calls/A</b> <b>Christmas Carol</b> <b>RTI</b> <b>E1</b>	<b>Eng Lang Paper 2</b> <b>(Grade 3-4)</b> <b>CLG</b> <b>E2</b>
<b>3pm – 4pm</b>	<b>Various</b> <b>CBK</b> <b>S1</b>			<b>Romeo and Juliet</b> <b>CSA</b> <b>E1 (Week 1 only)</b>

*\*More revision sessions may be added - this information will go out to parents/ carers.*

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to get in contact via email: [info@gms.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:info@gms.bucks.sch.uk).

Yours faithfully

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