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Dear Parent/Carer,

As you know, your child will be taking mock exams after Christmas. For English and English Literature there is one exam prior to Christmas on Thursday December 14<sup>th</sup> and three after Christmas. This means a lot of revision! In order to help you and your child with revision we have compiled this set of links to audio visual resources that may be useful in conjunction with more traditional methods such as using cue cards, mindmapping and workbooks.

Some students will prefer to read using the audiobook of a text so we have included links to these. Many students swear by the 'Mr Bruff' YouTube channel, so we have included links to this. The BBC have produced some good short films around some of the 'Power and Conflict' poetry, which are also detailed below, along with the BBC's short clips of scenes from Romeo and Juliet.

Hopefully these links will prevent your child spending lots of time searching online for revision materials and will also assist you in knowing what they need to study for each paper. Your child should also have at home copies of knowledge organisers for each of their key texts and their previous class notes.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and happy revision!

Yours Sincerely

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Head of English

P.S. The English Department twitter account is @LSHSEngDept

## **ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**Past/sample papers can be found at :**

**<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-language-8700/assessment-resources>**

### **PAPER 1 MODERN FICTION**

- Prepare by reading a wide range of modern fiction texts: short stories in particular. Maybe try:  
<https://mic.com/articles/94552/13-short-stories-from-classic-novelists-you-can-read-over-lunch#.wu430qiuQ>
- Write creatively. Maybe try exercises such as these:  
<https://writetodone.com/10-best-creative-writing-exercises/>  
<https://thewritepractice.com/creative-writing-prompts/>
- Use the Mr Bruff videos:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ch-XgnluOf4&list=PLqGFsWf-P-cAlttnXkEvJXCxqT-ZzFqAN>

### **PAPER 2 WRITERS' VIEWPOINTS**

- Prepare by reading opinion and lifestyle pieces online in broadsheet papers with free web access: The Independent, Huffington Post, Guardian, Telegraph, Mail. For example:  
<https://www.theguardian.com/uk/commentisfree>  
<http://www.independent.co.uk/voices>  
<http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/>
- Write opinion pieces. Watch debate shows such as Question Time, or the Youth Parliament debates on YouTube.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1UXxnp7eZM4>
- Use the Mr Bruff videos:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wtgpdXbSUPQ&list=PLqGFsWf-P-cB-GSeqYup7PXld4pbldQVq>

## **ENGLISH LITERATURE**

### **PAPER 1 SHAKESPEARE and 19<sup>th</sup> CENTURY NOVEL**

- **Romeo and Juliet**
- **Jekyll and Hyde (or A Christmas Carol)**

### **Read, reread and read again.**

- Listen along to the audiobook for a different reading experience:  
J and H: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z3Rh4AIRzuc&t=220s>  
R and J: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4kt8EzPxNeA> (once in Act 1, you will find the links to all acts up to 5)  
ACC: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pE-DitMqjYg>

And quick recap vids such as this:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yYPOyBmZziA&list=PLcvEcrsF\\_9zJ0JEEr8Lp9c9\\_eYQzZBYcR&index=106](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yYPOyBmZziA&list=PLcvEcrsF_9zJ0JEEr8Lp9c9_eYQzZBYcR&index=106)

- Watch adaptations of scenes from R and J such as those in the link below. Attend performances if they come up.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/484GwDBByzcGTGCy5bvmhLF/romeo-and-juliet>

Obviously for those students studying a Christmas Carol, the run up to the mocks provides plenty of opportunity to watch adaptations!

- Watch Mr Bruff and Francis Gilbert (YouTube)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qD8w12CIJQc&list=PL7034024E957E7A21>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=epEvPobaMIY&list=PLqGFsWf-P-cD6Q25r3wSEIHP6JIU8UK-f>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qUZwAZHf8kY>

- Use the revision workbooks- a couple of pages a day will be very useful

## **PAPER 2 MODERN TEXTS AND POETRY**

- **An Inspector Calls**
- **Power and Conflict Poetry**
- **Unseen Poetry**

### **Again, there is no substitute for re reading the texts! But some other strategies to add are:**

- Listen to the poems to help to memorise the poems- some decent readings (at times with useful commentary also) are:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JuCDjyCysAY>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sPISH6n37ts>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=53zCCVFN2yl>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r8QIcYdJPG0>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LFV\\_06\\_UidI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LFV_06_UidI)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2DHWqppktFo>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EGn1llx\\_3o4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EGn1llx_3o4)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6BERjLZzuOq&index=64&list=PLcvEcrsF\\_9zJ0JEEr8Lp9c9\\_eYQzZBYcR](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6BERjLZzuOq&index=64&list=PLcvEcrsF_9zJ0JEEr8Lp9c9_eYQzZBYcR)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tRWbo2x5lnA&index=129&list=PLcvEcrsF\\_9zJ0JEEr8Lp9c9\\_eYQzZBYcR](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tRWbo2x5lnA&index=129&list=PLcvEcrsF_9zJ0JEEr8Lp9c9_eYQzZBYcR)

- Watch Mr Bruff

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T9h\\_csKEwxg&list=PLqGFsWf-P-cAO64IBHZTFwTz2X0DD\\_Cxk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T9h_csKEwxg&list=PLqGFsWf-P-cAO64IBHZTFwTz2X0DD_Cxk)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sgsu\\_WgO9GY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sgsu_WgO9GY)

Or look at model answers: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rCllk8SPKA>

- Revise poetic techniques using the Power and Conflict knowledge organiser
- Revise the context for An Inspector Calls with this programme:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Svz8\\_dyhok&t=224s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Svz8_dyhok&t=224s)

And learn more about Priestley and his wartime role here:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00sf0tg>