

## **GCSE English Literature set text list and revision guide information**

Your child's English teacher will decide on **one** of the following AQA set texts from each category when he/she meets their Year 10 class.

### **19<sup>th</sup> century novel:**

*The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde* R.L Stevenson (Wordsworth Classics)  
OR

*A Christmas Carol* Charles Dickens (Wordsworth Classics)

### **Shakespeare:**

*Macbeth* (Cambridge University Press edition)

### **Poetry from the AQA Anthology:**

Love and Relationships e.g Robert Browning, Owen Sheers, Carol Ann Duffy,  
Simon Armitage Or

Power and Conflict e.g Percy Bysshe Shelley, William Blake, John Agard, Wilfrid  
Owen Or

Worlds and Lives e.g Emily Bronte, Imtiaz Dharker, Grace Nichols, William  
Wordsworth (examined from 2025)

### **Modern Drama:**

*An Inspector Calls* J.B Priestley (Heinemann) OR

*Blood Brothers* Willy Russell (Methuen) OR

*Princess and the Hustler* by Chinonyerem Odimba (examined from 2025 Nick  
Hern Books) OR

*Leave Taking* by Winsome Pinnock (examined from 2025 Nick Hern Books) OR

*My Name is Leon* by Kit de Waal (examined from 2025 Penguin)

Please see GCSE wider reading list on the website for further reading. Students ought to be reading more than their set texts to familiarise themselves with the language of 19<sup>th</sup> century novels and Shakespeare particularly. The English Language exams cover extracts from a range of 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> prose and non-fiction material (again see reading lists).

### **GCSE Revision Guides:**

GCSE English Language Progress (Grades 1-5) or Progress Plus grades (5-9)  
Cambridge University Press

CGP Guides for English Language and all the set literature texts.

Macbeth GCSE English Literature for AQA Cambridge University Press

An Inspector Calls GCSE English Literature for AQA Cambridge University Press

Poetry GCSE English Literature for AQA Student Book Cambridge University Press

Working with the Poetry Anthology Hodder Education

A Christmas Carol York Notes for GCSE Study Guide/Study and Revise for GCSE  
Hodder Education

The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde Study and Revise for GCSE Hodder Education

Blood Brothers Study and Revise for GCSE Hodder Education

The Snap Revision series have also been recommended by past students.

### **Online resources:**

Bitesize is a useful website for revision: [www.bbc.co.uk/education](http://www.bbc.co.uk/education)

It covers many units on the GCSE course.

The Shakespeare Globe website is a useful resource for Shakespeare plays:

[www.shakespearesglobe.com](http://www.shakespearesglobe.com)

We also use audiopi podcasts and Massolit online lectures. Passwords are given to students by their teachers in order to login.