

- **GCSEPod – revising English Language and Literature**
- **Purchasing folders**

2nd July 2020

Dear Parents & Carers,

Re: GCSEPod Summer Revision/Purchasing Folders

Ahead of returning to school in September, I would like to share with you some fantastic GCSE revision pods and assignments to support your child's learning over the summer holidays.

Below are the links to the assignments that have been set for your child, and we would really appreciate your support in encouraging them to complete the assignments before returning next year. It is also worth noting that all of the assignments listed below feed directly into the first round of PPE in the autumn term.

Language

<https://members.gcsepod.com/pupils/assignments/assignment/661019> (Transactional Writing)

<https://members.gcsepod.com/pupils/assignments/assignment/661021> ((Language, punctuation and sentences)

Literature

<https://members.gcsepod.com/pupils/assignments/assignment/661034> (Macbeth plot)

<https://members.gcsepod.com/pupils/assignments/assignment/661037> (Macbeth characters)

<https://members.gcsepod.com/pupils/assignments/assignment/661039> (Macbeth dramatic form)

<https://members.gcsepod.com/pupils/assignments/assignment/661040> Macbeth (themes)

(A course overview and a list of recommended revision books can be found at the end of this letter)

In addition, we would like to trial something different this year in relation to how our students organise their class notes and assessments. In the past, students have had different exercise books for each component and we have found that this can result in students easily misplacing their exercise books. As most of the content has been covered in Year 10, it is paramount that students are able to refer back to these notes when they revise later in Year 11. Therefore, we would like students to purchase a lever arch file to store their class notes and assessments. They would also benefit having dividers to organise the different components more easily. We will be asking students to have their folders every lesson in the same way we ask them to arrive with an exercise book and writing equipment.

The English Department would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your cooperation in supporting your child with their studies, especially during this very unusual time. We hope by providing you with this list of online revision pods, you are able to continue to support your child as they move into Year 11.

If financing a folder and course textbooks is difficult for you or your family, please contact me directly at samantha.jayne@furzeplatt.net to enquire about funding.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Jayne
Head of English and Media

Eduqas GCSE English Language and Literature course overview and revision guide list

English Language

Component 1: 20th Century Literature Reading and Creative Prose Writing

- 1 hour 45 minutes
- 40% of qualification
 - Section A (20%) – Reading (extract based)
 - Section B (20%) – Prose writing (choice of four titles)

Component 2: 19th and 21st Century Non-Fiction Reading and Transactional/Persuasive Writing

- 2 hours
- 60% of qualification
 - Section A (30%) Reading (two extracts)
 - Section B (30%) Writing (two transactional/persuasive writing tasks)

Component 3: Spoken Language

- **Non examined**
- One presentation/speech, including responses to questions and feedback

English Literature: No texts can be taken into the exam

Component 1: Shakespeare and Poetry

- 2 hours
- 40% of qualification
 - Section A (20%) Macbeth (This consists of 2 questions: one essay covering a character or theme and one extract-based response)
 - Section B (20%) Poetry from 1789-present day (This consists of two questions based on the anthology, one of which involves comparison)

Component 2: Post 1914 Post/Drama, 19th Century Prose and Unseen Poetry

- 2 hours and 30 mins
- 60% of qualification

Commented [BM1]: I think we should say: This is a mandatory requirement for GCSE and will be recorded.

If we say no weighting or non-examined, then the student and parents might not get fully on board with the logistics.

Commented [BM2]: Added this here so that all the exams info fits on one page!

- Section A (20%) An Inspector Calls (extract based)
- Section B (20%) The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde (extract based)
- Section C (20%) Unseen Poetry from 20th/21st Century (two questions, one of which involves comparison).

If you wish to purchase revision texts, here is a list of available resources:

GCSE English Language Eduqas Guide	ISBN 1782943714	£5.95
GCSE English Language Workbook	ISBN 1782943722	£5.95
Globe Education Shakespeare: Macbeth	ISBN 1471851559	£7.99
GCSE English Text Guide: An Inspector Calls	ISBN 1841461156	£5.99
GCSE English Text Guide: Jekyll and Hyde	ISBN 1782943080	£5.99
Eduqas GCSE English Literature Skills	ISBN 147183199X	£13.99