

Exam Success Evening

How To Succeed In English

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Why is this important?

GCSE English is incredibly useful, serving as a foundation for both academic and professional success.

Here's why:

- **Universal Application:** English skills are universally applicable, enhancing communication abilities vital for any career path.
- **Academic Advantage:** A strong grasp of English can improve performance across other subjects, as it is essential for understanding exam questions, crafting coherent arguments, and expressing ideas clearly.
- **Employability Boost:** Employers consistently rank communication as a top skill. A qualification in GCSE English demonstrates your ability to express ideas effectively, making you more attractive to potential employers.

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Experts agree that the benefits of mastering English extend far beyond the classroom. According to the Department for Education, students proficient in English are more likely to succeed in higher education such as A-Levels and secure higher-paying jobs.

This isn't just about passing an exam; it's about setting yourself up for a bright future.

5 Steps to Success

The following steps will help you succeed in both your English Language and English Literature GCSEs.

Step 1-Planning

- 1. Plan ahead:** Start early and create a solid foundation for your revision.
- 2. Structured timetabling:** Craft a practical [revision timetable](#) using time-blocking techniques.
- 3. Attend English** revision on Tuesdays after school.

Step 2- Reflect

Reflect on past work: Understand how each [paper is structured](#) and what the examiner is looking for.

PLCs for all of the English exam topics/questions (Lit and Lang) can be found [here](#).

Step 3-Practice

Sharpen key skills:
Practice different types of
questions.

Step 4-Understanding the Writer's Methods

Master terminology: Familiarise yourself with language and structural features.

Step 5-Read (And re-read!)

Broaden your literary horizons: Read widely and experiment with different writing styles.

Sparx Reader is now set up so that you can read your GCSE Literature texts for homework/revision.

How are you going to implement this learning?

- 1. Planning:** A suggested Revision Timetable with guidance on what you can revise each week can be found [here](#).
- 2. Reflect:** An overview on the questions on each paper (both Literature and Language) can be found [here](#).
- 3. Practice:** The suggested papers, named on the Revision Timetable can all be found in a file [here](#).
- 4. Master Terminology:** A glossary of both structural and language features can be found [here](#).
- 5. Read:** A list of the GCSE exam texts that students study for English Literature can be found [here](#), whilst a link to Sparx Reader can be found [here](#). Students can log onto their Sparx Reader account using their Google login.