

English Language

Students have two papers.

Both have a reading and writing section (equally weighted).

Paper 1 is fiction - one extract of 20th Century Fiction. The writing section is 'describe' or 'narrate'.

Paper 2 is non-fiction - two non-fiction articles... one will be from the 19th Century. The writing section is writing from a viewpoint.

Vocabulary

Academic word list

Google: academic word list vocabulary

The New General Service List

<http://www.newgeneralservicelist.org/>

Quizlet

The Reading - Tips

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2. Practise *active reading*. (Students need to understand how to highlight/underline *with a purpose in mind*.)



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Highlighting with a purpose

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3. Know the question focuses: encourage them to make flashcards with the Assessment Objectives for each question, key words, timings, etc.

Writing - Tips

1. In any piece of writing, write it like an English examination. Every exam. now has marks available for Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar.
2. FLAP at the writing questions - it needs to be fit the brief.
3. The basics matter. SPG alone is worth 1/3 of the marks for the writing section.
4. Read for writing - opinion pieces in newspapers are particularly helpful.

Websites - The Guardian

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17 March 2016



Millennials in focus / 🗨️ Millennials, do you prefer a night in over a night out? Share your views
Sarah Marsh

🕒 4:49 PM | 🗨️ 6



🗨️ George Osborne will soon be forced to show his hand on climate change
Michael Jacobs

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Loose canon / 🗨️ Even after escaping Isis, the suffering of the Yazidis persists
Giles Fraser



🕒 4:19 PM | 🗨️ 10

🗨️ Tories should respect the House of Lords for their trade union revolt
Polly Toynbee

🕒 3:44 PM | 🗨️ 19

A moment that changed me / 🗨️ The birth of my daughter gave me an incentive to beat my aggression
Anonymous

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Head to head / 🗨️ Should schoolchildren be made to run a mile every day?
Sarah Phillips and Toby Moses

🕒 2:48 PM | 🗨️ 249

Millennials in focus / 🗨️ How Harry Potter changed my life
Elena Cresci and Guardian readers

🕒 2:39 PM | 🗨️ 9

Notebook / 🗨️ A cure for my back pain? They'll invent the head transplant first
Emma Brockes

🕒 2:35 PM | 🗨️ 50

Guardian Africa network / 🗨️ South Africa playing a high-stakes game as president and treasury square off
Richard Galland

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🗨️ Simon Rattle on Maxwell Davies: 'He was a hero to me'
Simon Rattle

🗨️ I'm 16 and overloaded - longer school hours would just burn us out
Orli Vogt-Vincent

🗨️ I thought my Instagram was all mine, until the algorithm proved me wrong
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John Prescott



Robbie Savage



Ian Botham



Polly Hudson



Kevin Maguire

Literature

Two Papers - no texts in the examination.

Paper 1 - 'A Christmas Carol' and 'Romeo and Juliet'. Both will have a short extract printed but students will then have to explore the rest of the play.

Paper 2 - 'An Inspector Calls'; the Anthology Poetry (comparison); Unseen Poetry.

Literature - Tips

- Students need to know key moments and themes across the whole of the texts - so keep re-reading, watching quality film versions, listen on MP3.
- Make a bank of quotations for each text
- try to find 'Swiss Army Knife' quotations: ones that cover a few themes/characters. Use visual stimuli - colours, pictures...



Websites

BBC Bitesize