English Language and English Literature

Exam Board & course code			
AQA English Language 8700 and English Literature 8702			
Topics that will be taught			
Year Group	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 10	English Literature: A Christmas Carol/Jekyll and Hyde	Language Paper 1 English Literature: An Inspector Calls	Literature: An Inspector Calls Literature: Love And Relationships poems – family Post mocks: Unseen Poetry
Year 11	English Literature: Love and relationships romantic poems Language Paper 2	Language Paper 2 English Literature: Romeo and Juliet	English Literature Romeo and Juliet Revision

What parents can do to support learning	Useful links and reference materials
<u>English Language</u> - Reading & Comprehension • Encourage regular reading of from a wide range of genres of fiction and non-fiction, including quality press and journals. • Discuss what they've read — ask about the writer's viewpoint, tone, and purpose. • Help them build a habit of summarising short texts in their own words. **Writing Skills** • Discuss ideas for writing with students and encourage them to plan their work before writing. Plans can be bullet points/mind maps for structuring their ideas. • Promote regular creative writing in short, 10–15 minute bursts outside of school. A writing journal can build confidence and fluency. • Help them build stronger vocabulary by using their vocabulary	Past papers can be accessed on www.aqa.org.uk or via your child's Teams page. There are a range of useful revision guides that can be purchased or accessed online. Useful online resources: • https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/english-revision/gcse-aqa/ • www.bbcbitesize.co.uk www.sparknotes.com Useful texts for purchase: • York Notes, CGP, CGP flashcards/guides for GCSE on the Literature texts your child is studying. • Unseen Poetry revision guides with access to a range of poems for practise • AQA English Language revision guides

bank regularly. • Encourage reading their own writing aloud to check clarity, accuracy, and flow. • Support practice of timed writing tasks (45minutes for creative and persuasive writing) **<u>English Literature</u>** **Understanding the texts** • Discuss the texts studied in class with students, considering different interpretations of them. • Encourage re-reading or listening to audiobook versions of texts as part of revision. • Take students to productions of An Inspector Calls, A Christmas Carol or Romeo and Juliet to support their revision. **Revision and exam technique** • Ensure students mind map ideas and quotations about characters, themes, settings, structures and plot in texts studied. • Practise analysing a poem in 10 minutes: what it's about, mood, tone, and key techniques. • Support practice in writing introductions to exam questions that respond directly to the wording of the question and clearly state the conceptual idea/argument they will explore in the text. • Complete detailed essay plans. • Complete exam questions in timed conditions (45 minutes) with their revision notes and gradually reduce use of notes.	• There are numerous revision resources shared with classes on their Teams page that they should be encouraged to use. • To help students regularly practise creative writing 'The Very Short Story Starter: 101 Flash Fiction Prompts for Creative Writing' by John Gillard is a good starting point for students who struggle to generate ideas.