

What does English look like at Key Stage 4?

- English is a compulsory subject. Most colleges and apprenticeships will require you to have **at least a Grade 4 in English**. If you do not get a Grade 4, you are required to re-sit the exam until you get the Grade 4.
- English is divided into two separate qualifications: English Literature and English Language.
- The higher of the two grades will carry over as your English grade.
- You will have eight lessons of English per fortnight.



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Paper 1: Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing
What's assessed Section A: Reading <ul style="list-style-type: none">• one literature fiction text Section B: Writing <ul style="list-style-type: none">• descriptive or narrative writing
Assessed <ul style="list-style-type: none">• written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes• 80 marks• 50% of GCSE
Questions Reading (40 marks) (25%) – one single text <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 short form question (1 x 4 marks)• 2 longer form questions (2 x 8 marks)• 1 extended question (1 x 20 marks) Writing (40 marks) (25%) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 extended writing question (24 marks for content, 16 marks for technical accuracy)

Paper 2: Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives
What's assessed Section A: Reading <ul style="list-style-type: none">• one non-fiction text and one literary non-fiction text Section B: Writing <ul style="list-style-type: none">• writing to present a viewpoint
Assessed <ul style="list-style-type: none">• written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes• 80 marks• 50% of GCSE
Questions Reading (40 marks) (25%) – two linked texts <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 short form question (1 x 4 marks)• 2 longer form questions (1 x 8, 1 x 12 marks)• 1 extended question (1 x 16 marks) Writing (40 marks) (25%) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 extended writing question (24 marks for content, 16 marks for technical accuracy)

Non-examination Assessment: Spoken Language
What's assessed (AO7–AO9) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• presenting• responding to questions and feedback• use of Standard English
Assessed <ul style="list-style-type: none">• teacher set throughout course• marked by teacher• separate endorsement (0% weighting of GCSE)

The structure of the exam:

- There are two papers
- Paper 1: Fiction
- Paper 2: Non-fiction
- Unseen texts
- Each paper is worth 50% of the GCSE
- Spoken Language is separately assessed and is required to validate the award.



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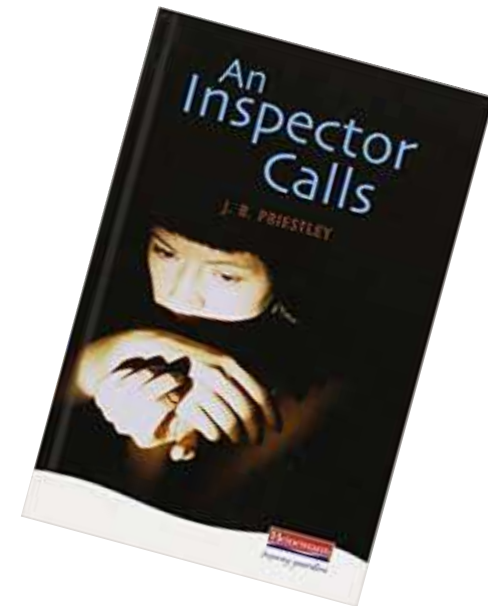
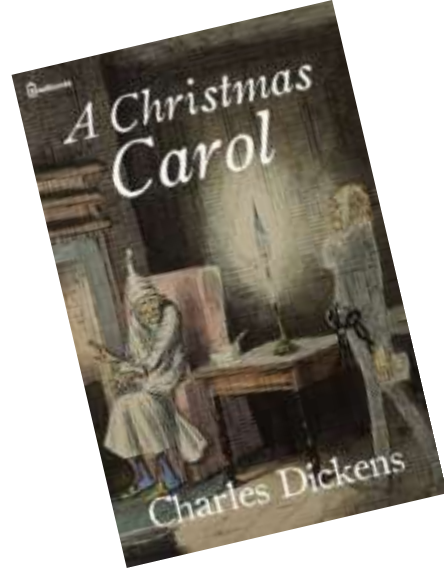
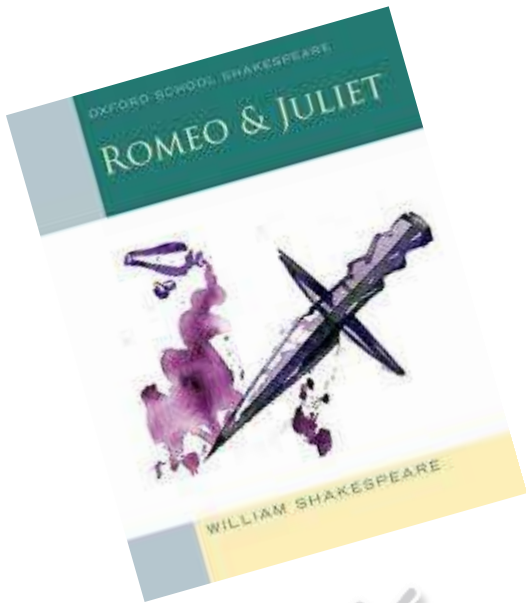


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The structure of the exam:

There are two papers*

- Paper 1: Shakespeare and the 19th Century Novel
- Paper 2: 20th Century Text and Poetry
- Paper 2 is weighted to carry slightly more marks than Paper 1



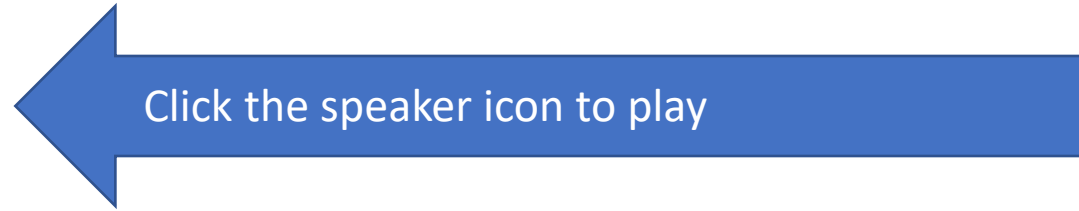
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The English Literature exam requires students to have studied:

- One Shakespearean play: *Romeo & Juliet*;
- One 19th Century Novel: *A Christmas Carol*;
- One modern prose/drama: *An Inspector Calls*;
- A selection of 15 poems from an Anthology: *Power and Conflict*.

In addition to this, students are tested on their ability to analyse an Unseen Poem and to compare that poem with a second Unseen Poem.

In order to endorse the exam, students will give a presentation on a topic of their choice, which will demonstrate their spoken language abilities and ability to answer questions about their topic.



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At Stoke High School, we pride ourselves on the strength of teaching within the department. In order to maximise the chances of success, students are offered:

- Extra-curricular opportunities to see performances or productions of key texts;
- Additional after-school sessions to enhance understanding of key concepts;
- Additional support in Year 11 during tutor time;
- Copies of revision guides and clear knowledge organisers to enhance understanding and allow for independent revision.



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We would recommend:

- Buying copies of the texts, for annotation in class;
- Using revision resources, from the start of Year 10, in order to consolidate learning;
- Speaking with teaching staff about any individual needs that we can assist with.