

English Language and English Literature GCSE exam board AQA

All students take both examinations

Two GCSEs are awarded

This is the second year of the new examination and grading system

Shaftesbury School English Department results for 2017:

77.5% in Language compared to the national pass rate of 71%

How the GCSEs are graded

- 9 to 1
- Grade 4 is a low pass
- Grade 5 is good pass
- A student who fails to gain a grade 4 is required to retake if continuing in education

Both GCSEs are sat as final examinations

Two language examinations:

- Paper 1: Explorations in creative reading and writing: June 5th 2018
- Paper 2: Writers' viewpoints and perspectives: June 8th 2018

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Two literature examinations:

Paper 1: Shakespeare and the 19th century novel
: May 22nd 2018

Paper 2: Modern texts and poetry: May 25th
2018

These will take place in May just before half term break

PPE's

Otherwise known as mock exams: November and December 2017.

In language both papers and in literature paper 2.

Paper 1 in literature will take place in February once all the teaching of the texts has been completed.

Language Paper 1

Section A: Reading one fiction text and 4 questions to answer.

1) A knowledge question – finding 4 pieces of information

2) A language question

3) A structure question

4) An analysis question

Section B: writing.

5) A choice of 2 tasks: narrative or descriptive

Language: Paper 2

Section A: Reading 2 non-fiction texts (1 is pre 20th century) on a connected theme/idea

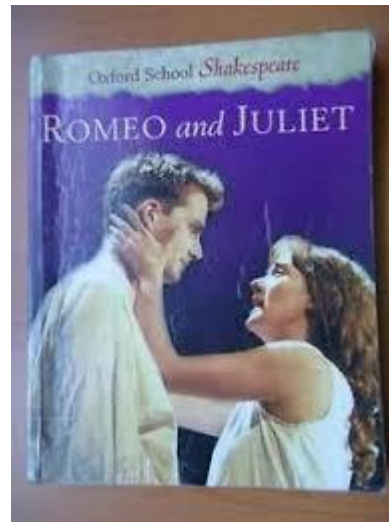
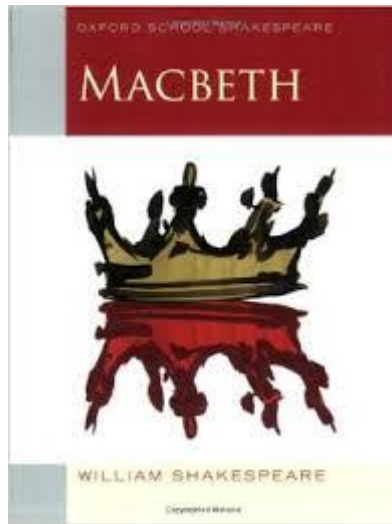
- 1) Choosing 4 true facts from the modern text.
- 2) Comparing some aspect of the 2 texts.
- 3) Focusing on the language of one of the texts.
- 4) Comparison of the 2 texts

Section B: Writing

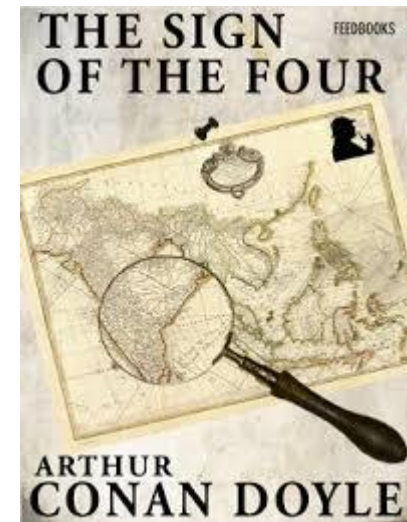
A choice of 2 tasks; writing for a particular audience and purpose

Literature Paper 1

Section A: Shakespeare question



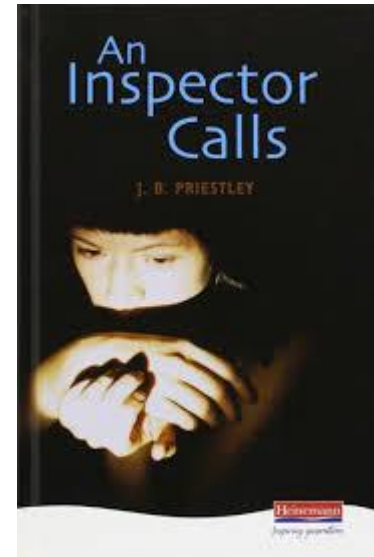
Section B: Pre 20th century novel



Literature Paper 2

Section A: a question on a modern text

Section B: Poetry. A question on an unseen poem and questions on the poetry anthology provided by AQA



Speaking

This is not part of the language award but there will be a level – distinction/merit/pass on your son/daughter's final certificate.

Assessed by a speech delivered in class

Revision books

Any questions