

This term within English has been an exceptionally busy one, with KS4 busily preparing for exams and KS3 studying a range of different texts, building on both their procedural and declarative knowledge and a love for reading.

KS4: Year 11 have recently received their trial exam grades, allowing them to make applications for their next steps. Well done and congratulations to all year 11 students, as you approached the trial exams with real vigour and determination, attending weekly revision sessions and actively engaging with feedback and advice. Our advice is to continue to manage that exam pressure through regular and often retrieval, revision and deliberate exam practice. We have also put together some top tips below:

English Literature

Task type: Revision lectures

All students should have a login for Massolit.io which gives him access to revision lectures on each Literature text he has studied. <https://massolit.io/>



Task type: Quotation learning

Build a bank of quotations for each text you have studied, test yourself using flashcards of quotations, seeing if you can fill in the blanks or recall quotations linked to particular themes or images. Think about why that particular quotation is important- what are the key words in the quotation, what are the implications of these words, what methods has the writer used and what does he think the writer is trying to communicate through these choices.

Task type: Essay planning and writing

Build a bank of practice questions, talking through your ideas in the text related to the question posed: how do these ideas change within the text; why do they change; what message is the writer conveying through these changes; how are they reflective of the time the writer is writing in/the time the text was set in? When you have written or planned an essay, think about if there is anything else you could add e.g. have you fully developed your arguments, used at least 3 quotations/references per paragraph and considered the importance of language and methods in these quotations; have you considered why the writer had made these choices.

COMING UP SOON:

Date	Event	Time
Monday 12th February	Year 13 Sociology Trip Under 13 Football Away Under 15 Football Away Under 16 Football Home	All day
Tuesday 13th February	Year 13 Sociology Trip Year 11 Parents Evening	All day
Wednesday 14th February	Year 13 Sociology Trip Under 14 Football Away	All day
Thursday 15th February	Inset Day - school closed to students	All day
Friday 16th February	Inset Day - school closed to students	All day
Monday 19th - Friday 23rd February	Half Term - School closed to students	All week
Monday 26th February	Scholars Programme Graduation Under 13 Rugby	All day
Tuesday 27th February		
Wednesday 28th February	Year 11 GCSE Drama Practical Under 18 Rugby Away	All day
Thursday 29th February		
Friday 1st March	Secondary Allocation Day Under 12 Basketball Home	