English Language and Literature Mocks exams – November 2022

Exam Board – Edexcel

For English **Language**, you will be taking English Language **Paper 2**.

See below for details of options.

Option 1: English Language Sets 1-7	Option 2: English Language 2.0 (GCSE Lift) Set 8
Paper 2: Non-Fiction & Transactional Writing (60%) 2 hrs 5 mins	Paper 2: Contemporary texts & Imaginative Writing (50%) 1 hr 55 mins

How to revise:

- Revise **techniques**. You will be asked to explore the writer's use of language and structure, so make sure you can pick out specific language devices (such as adjectives, verbs, similes and metaphors) and structural devices (such as use of lists, contrasts, different sentence-structures) and consider the impact those choices have on the reader.
- Use **past papers** or questions set by your class teacher – e.g., there are lots of marks available for the evaluate and comparison questions, so practising writing **timed responses** to these questions will be useful. Questions and papers should be on your class Teams page.
- In the Writing sections of the Language papers, you will be asked to write a transactional piece (or an imaginative piece if you are doing GCSE Lift). These questions are worth 40 marks and therefore the biggest question on your paper. The best thing you can do to revise is complete a practice **timed response**. It is important that you are realistic about how much you can plan and write in 50 minutes.
- **Assignments** for GCSE English Language are also available on Seneca (https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/)
- Boost your vocabulary and grammar skills with **Bedrock** (www.bedrocklearning.org). You can log in with your Office365 account.

For English **Literature**, all sets will be taking **English Literature Paper 1**:

Shakespeare Play (*Macbeth* or *Romeo and Juliet*) and

Post-1914 Literature (*An Inspector Calls* or *Boys Don't Cry*)

- The Literature paper will contain questions relating to the specific texts that you have studied.
- For the Shakespeare question, this will a **two-part** question - Part A will be the analysis of an extract from the text (20 marks), and Part B will be an essay on the whole text (20 marks).
- For the Post-1914 question, this will be **one essay question** based on the text you have studied (40 marks).

How to revise:

- Re-read the texts you have studied so far and study your notes from class.
- Use GCSE Pod (gcsepod.com) and Seneca (https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/). Both are useful and interactive websites.
- Complete past papers and set questions from your class Teams page.
- Also useful are study guides such as York Notes. Copies of these can be found in the school library and Manchester's public libraries.