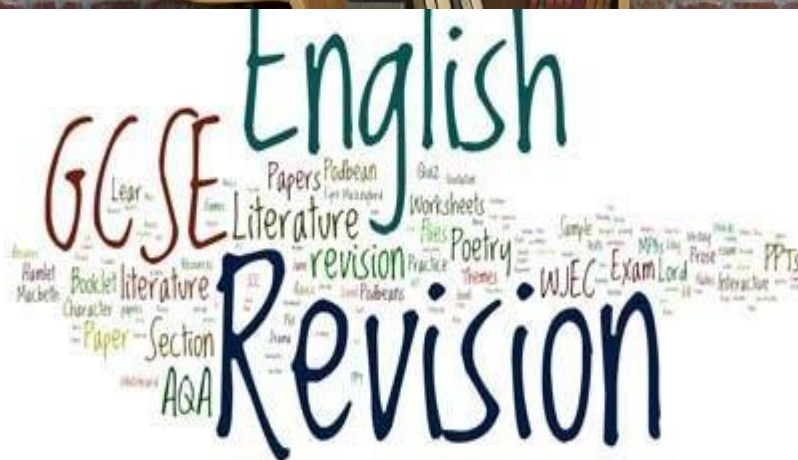


# AQA GCSE English Language & Literature

Revision tips and  
advice



MACBETH! MACBETH! MACBETH!  
**BEWARE MACDUFF;**  
 BEWARE THE THANE OF FIFE.  
 DISMISS ME. ENOUGH. **BE BLOODY,** laugh to  
**BOLD** SCORN  
 AND RESOLUTE; *The power*  
 for none of woman born shall harm Macbeth.  
**BE LION-METTLED**  
**PROUD;** AND TAKE NO CARE  
 WHO CHAFES, WHO FRETS, OR WHERE CONSPIRERS ARE:  
**MACBETH**  
 SHALL never vanquish'd be until GREAT  
**BIRNHAM WOOD**  
 to high **DUNSINANE HILL**  
**SHALL COME AGAINST HIM.**



**"MAYBE  
 THERE IS A  
 BEAST...  
 MAYBE IT'S ONLY  
 US."**

*~w. golding*

# The basics

- AQA English Language course code 8700
- AQA Literature course code 8702
- No tiers of entry
- 2 GCSE qualifications
- 4 exams – 2 for Language and 2 for Literature
- A total of 7 ½ hours of exams!
- All closed book exams, so...

**revise, revise, revise – starting NOW...**

# ***What* do students need to revise?**

## **For Language:**

- Subject terminology
- Reading skills – fiction and non-fiction
- Writing skills – writing to describe, narrate, argue, persuade. Work on accurate SpaG.

## **For Literature:**

- Set texts – plot, characterisation, setting, language, structure and context.
- Set poems & unseen poetry – meaning, voice, language, structure, form, context and terminology.
- Quotations.

**Skills for Language and Literature are transferrable**

# ***How can students revise effectively?***

## **Active revision**

- Read notes and reduce
- Fill in the gaps
- Re-read set texts - highlight quotations and annotate
- Create word walls for quotes and key chapters
- Write a quiz or “speed dating” questions
- Trace key words with finger, highlighter
- Act out scenarios/situations/events
- Design a game
- Create card sort activities
- Visually organise or reorganise notes using columns, charts, categories









# More active revision techniques

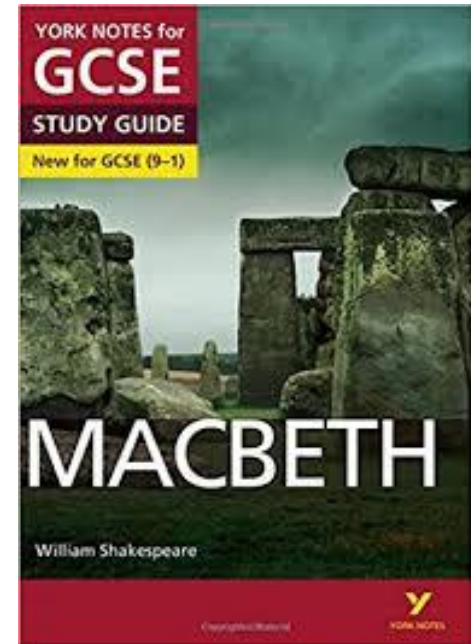
- Record information on your phone
- Set information to rhyme, rhythm, or music to aid retention [BBC Shakespeare Shorts](#)
- Invent Mnemonics
- Create a power point “lesson plan” with activities
- Create timelines, models, charts, grids, etc.
- Video yourself giving a master class
- Study alone but also with friends

# Useful resources (with warnings!)

- CGP revision guides and workbooks / York notes / Class notes and practice papers

[www.aqa.org.uk](http://www.aqa.org.uk)

- Copies of set texts
- DVDs of set texts
- Friends
- BBC Bitesize



[www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/)

- YouTube revision videos: **Mr Bruff**
- PiXL Lit app

# PiXL Lit App

The PiXLit app is an online assessment system that identifies your strengths and areas to develop with 16 different texts. Strengthen your understanding of selected texts by engaging in a range of interactive activities that revolve around character learning, quotation learning, events and happenings, and terminology.



## Quotation Learning

Choose an activity:

Fill in the gaps

Start it

End it

Complete the following quotation by replacing ... with the correct missing word:

False face must hide what the .... heart doth know.

Reset quotation

Who is this quotation about?

Banquo

Humanity

Macbeth

Humanity/Macbeth

Lady Macbeth

Macbeth/Lady Macbeth

Back to menu

Mark all

## Play Your Quotes Right

Score: 1

Take a look at the quotation behind each of the two cards below:

Be bloody, bold, and resolute;  
laugh to scorn/The power of  
man, for none of woman  
born/Shall harm Macbeth.

Quotation 1

look like the innocent flower,/But  
be the serpent under't.

Quotation 2

Does quotation 2 come before  
or after quotation 1?

Before

After

Who said quotation 1?

Who said quotation 2?

Macbeth has been selected. [Click here to select again.](#)

## Macbeth

Quotation Learning

PIXL 160/328

Character Learning

PIXL 0/328

Play your quotes right

PIXL 0

Events/Happenings

PIXL 0/5

Literature terminology

PIXL 0/27

# A few final tips...

- Get organised – you have a lot to revise
- Create a quiet revision space
- Use a range of revision activities & resources
- Stay active
- Revise smart – active not passive
- Ask your teacher for advice



**KEEP  
CALM  
AND  
REVISE  
ENGLISH**