

Year 11 Revision Evening - English

Aims

To challenge the myth that English is difficult, or even impossible, to revise!

To provide parents with two useful revision activities to support:

- a) Strategic Reading Practice** for English Language
- b) Knowledge Acquisition** for English Literature

English Language vs English Literature

English Language

Very skills heavy

All unseen extracts

Includes original writing

English Literature

Very content heavy

4 set texts

Academic writing

Language: Key revision focus = skills practice

Literature: Key revision focus = knowledge acquisition

Language: Key revision focus = skills practice

1. Beware internet resources for teaching the language skills. Even Mr Bruff is a bit iffy in terms of clarity or methods.

Some of the YouTube advice for the writing sections last year was very bad!

2. Writing full practice responses is useful nearer the exam period or in class conditions but...
3. ...it would be more useful to practice the skills of READING (Qs 1-4) and PLANNING (Q5) in the earlier stages.

Literature: Key revision focus = knowledge acquisition

1. YouTube videos for Literature revision generally more helpful than language ones.
2. Actively re-reading and summarising the set texts is never going to be wasted time for your children and you can ask them questions about characters, events etc.
3. Key revision activity can be securing knowledge of key quotations and what students are going to say about them.

AO1
(12 marks)
'what'

Who? To whom?
When? Where?
Why do they say
it?

AO2
(12 marks)
'how'

Methods?
Effects?

AO3
(6 marks)
why

Why does writer
present this?

“unsinkable, absolutely unsinkable”

Revision Guides etc.

These can be useful but...

...it's what the whole country do

...have to do something active with revision resources

...vary in quality and can be general

...YouTube can be a hinderance for language but can be more helpful for Literature

THE BEST REVISION GUIDES STUDENTS CAN MAKE ARE ALREADY BEING DONE...

...in class and at home...by those students that are putting the work in!