

# English Language GCSE

Examination  
Board:  
**AQA**  
Course Code:  
**8700**



ASSESSMENTS	LENGTH?	WHEN?	WORTH?
<p><b>Paper 1</b>  <b>Section A: Reading 60m</b>                      One fiction text with four questions assessing recall, language, structure and evaluation skills.  <b>Section B: Writing 45m</b>                      One question from a choice of two. A written piece which describes or tells a story.</p>	1 hour 45 minutes total	June Year 11	50% of GCSE
<p><b>Paper 2</b>  <b>Section A: Reading 60m</b>                      Two nonfiction texts, one from the 19th century. Four questions assessing recall, summary comparison, language and attitude comparison.  <b>Section B: Writing 45m</b>                      One question, a written piece which asks you to express points of view.</p>	1 hour 45 minutes total	June Year 11	50% of GCSE

## WHAT SORTS OF THINGS DO SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS DO TO REVISE?

- **Complete practice papers and give them to your English teacher to mark and return with targets to improve. This is by far the best revision you can do.**
- Create flash cards with sentence starters for each of the reading questions so you know how to begin answers in a focused way. You must know the difference between question types.
- Learn technical terms for language.
- Learn technical terms for structure.
- Create impressive vocabulary lists for your writing. In particular, prepare words and phrases which allow you to be sophisticated in your arguments for Paper 2.
- Revise and practise advanced punctuation ; : — — —



## WHERE CAN WE FIND USEFUL ONLINE RESOURCES?

**[sites.google.com/site/bartholomewschoollenglish](https://sites.google.com/site/bartholomewschoollenglish)**

Lots of revision activities and practice papers are located here. You will need your school email login to access the Sharepoint links. Includes Knowledge Organisers on all of your exam units!

**The English Department's Youtube site:**

search "bartholomew school English department" in Youtube.

**thesaurus.com** to find more sophisticated ways of expressing yourself.

**[www.skillsyouneed.com/write/punctuation1.html](http://www.skillsyouneed.com/write/punctuation1.html)** basic punctuation reminders.

## PLUS...

Saturday morning sessions.

*How To Revise Saturday.*

Tuesday Clinic in E6 after school.

Registration sessions.