

Year 10 English Summer Revision Tasks

Get Ahead for Year 11

The summer holiday is a great opportunity to revisit the key texts and skills you studied in Year 10. Completing the tasks below will help you feel confident and prepared for your GCSE English exams next year.

GCSE English Literature

A Christmas Carol

Task 1: Listen to the Story

1. Listen to the BBC Sounds audiobook: [BBC Sounds - A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens](#)

Task 2: Listen to Literary Analysis

1. Listen to the BBC Bitesize GCSE Literature podcasts: [GCSE English Literature podcasts - Dickens' A Christmas Carol - BBC Bitesize](#)

While Listening, Think About:

- How does Scrooge change throughout the novella?
- What message is Dickens trying to communicate?
- How are poverty and social inequality presented?
- Which quotations would be useful to remember for your exams?

Extension Task: Create a one-page revision sheet on:

- Scrooge
- The Ghosts
- The Cratchit family
- Dickens' key messages

Macbeth

Task 1: Listen to the Play

1. Listen to the BBC Sounds production: [BBC Sounds - Macbeth - Available Episodes](#)

Task 2: Listen to Literary Analysis

1. Listen to the BBC Bitesize GCSE Literature podcasts: [GCSE English Literature podcasts - Shakespeare's Macbeth - BBC Bitesize](#)

While Listening, Think About:

- How does ambition drive Macbeth's actions?
- How is Lady Macbeth presented?
- What role does guilt play in the play?
- How does Shakespeare present power and kingship?

Extension Task: Create a one-page revision sheet on:

- Macbeth
- Lady Macbeth
- The Witches
- Themes of ambition, power and guilt

GCSE English Language

Developing Your Opinion Writing

Task 1: Read

Read opinion articles from newspapers and websites such as:

- The Guardian
 - BBC News
 - The Independent
 - First News
1. Suggested article: **"School's nearly out for summer and there's one word on every mother's lips – help!"** by Rhiannon Picton-James (The Guardian) [School's nearly out for summer and there's one word on every mother's lips – help! | Rhiannon Picton-James | The Guardian](#)

Extension Task: Write Your Own Article

Write your own opinion article (450–600 words) in response to the topic.

The more preparation you do over the summer, the easier Year 11 will feel.

Little and often is the key to success. Have a fantastic summer and keep reading!