

Westbourne House School Revision – Summer Term

8CE ENGLISH REVISION CHECKLIST

The Exam(s) will consist of:

- 8CE Two papers:
 - o Paper 1: Prose Comprehension and Essay duration 75 minutes
 - o Paper 2: Poetry Comprehension and Creative Writing duration 75 minutes

Equipment you will need for the exam:

- Fountain pen and spare cartridges
- Ruler
- Highlighters

| TOPIC | WHAT TO REVISE | DONE? |
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| 8CE – Paper 1 Prose Comprehension | Learn definitions of vocabulary typically used in questions – describe, explain, discuss, illustrate, evidence, example etc. Pupils should be able to identify all of these techniques and comment on their effectiveness: figurative language (similes, metaphors, personification); sound imagery (onomatopoeia, alliteration, repetition, sibilance); sensory language; word classes. PEEEL structure (Point, evidence, explanation, exploration and link) Read widely and regularly: both fiction (novels) and non-fiction (autobiographies, travel writing, newspaper articles) Learn new vocabulary and test yourself: use orange books. | |
| 8CE – Paper 1 Persuasive Writing (non-fiction) | Features of persuasive writing (DAFORREST) Features & structure of discursive writing Letter layout Characteristics of a speech (ASCARF structure) PEE structure (point of view, evidence – facts/expert opinions/statistics/anecdotes, evidence) Introductions and conclusions Revision of linking connectives Comparing and contrasting | |
| 8CE – Paper 2 Poetry Comprehension | Poetic terms: stanza, enjambment, simile, metaphor, alliteration, assonance and sibilance, onomatopoeia, personification, perspective, rhyme, rhythm, tone, imagery, couplet Thinking about form (shape) and reasons for this. How does the structure reflect the meaning? | |

| | PEEEL structure Understand difference between 1st/3rd person Look at a selection of poetry – modern and classic – always look for the poem's narrative (its story) Read poetry regularly | |
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| 8CE – Paper 2 Descriptive Writing (fiction) | Literary devices (pupils should be able to use the following): similes, metaphors, alliteration, personification, onomatopoeia, adjectives Powerful verb choices will be expected Openings – look at different ways to engage reader: descriptions of setting; description of character; dialogue; action Endings – consider the final image Descriptions: write a lot about a little and use the triangle planning method ODCCR – structure of narrative writing (Opening, Development, Complication, Crisis, Resolution) | |
| 8CE – Paper 1 & 2 Grammar and Punctuation | Pupils should be able to both identify and correctly use the following: full stops, capital letter, commas, colons, semi-colons, speech marks, exclamation/question marks Pupils should be able to identify the following: nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, connectives/conjunctions, prepositions and interjections Pupils should be able to use embedded clauses | |
| 8CE – Paper 1 & 2 Spelling | Spelling is taken into account; always try your best | |

NOTES/TIPS:

• For any further information or guidance about revision or the actual exam, please contact the Head of English – Ms Alice Fisher afisher@westbournehouse.org).