

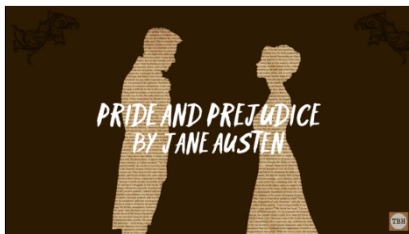
Dear Parent /Guardian

The English Department would like to share with you some practical ways to support your daughter during Year 11.

The following statement appeared in the examiner's report for English Literature this year. The advice to students was:

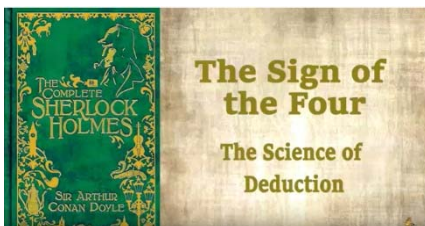
*If you know the text well, you will be able to demonstrate this knowledge and understanding in the exam. Learn the text rather than learning possible questions that might be asked on it. Knowing your text will help you to gain confidence in ranging across the play or novel to find the most salient references to support your response.*

Therefore, the first and most important task for students is to re-read their texts. We know this isn't always easy, so we have sourced some audio versions which are available free to access or stream.



**“Pride and Prejudice” – Jane Austen**

<https://youtu.be/iVYNidCM7-E>



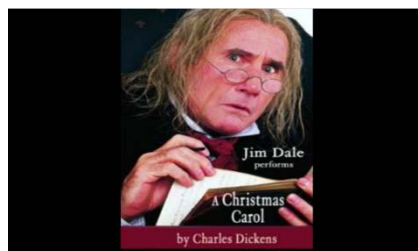
**“The Sign of the Four” – Sir Arthur Conan Doyle**

<https://youtu.be/04hu3BEJaM4>



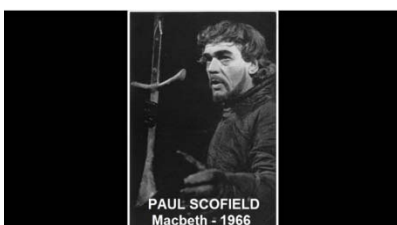
**“Jane Eyre” – Charlotte Bronte**

<https://youtu.be/sIYzSYdhatE>



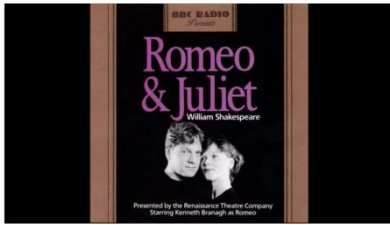
**“A Christmas Carol” – Charles Dickens**

<https://youtu.be/pE-DitMqjYg>



**“Macbeth” – William Shakespeare**

[https://youtu.be/ljZrf\\_0\\_CcQ](https://youtu.be/ljZrf_0_CcQ)



### **“Romeo and Juliet” – William Shakespeare**

<https://youtu.be/4kt8EzPxNeA>



### **“An Inspector Call” – J B Priestley**

<https://soundcloud.com/search?q=An%20inspector%20calls>

There are film versions available of most texts, but they are often adaptations, so may not follow the text exactly. There is no substitute for re-reading the text; it is the text students will face on the exam.

Other revision sites useful for both English Language and Literature



### **GCSE Pod (free to download – can be accessed from School website)**

This a programme that the school is a subscriber of, students can access the podcasts through their phones and revise on the move.



### **BBC Bitesize Revision (free to download)**

This is a free to download app that includes flashcards, mini quizzes and key info.



### **Mr Bruff**

An English teacher who has made revision videos for English Language and Literature. Available on youtube. Podcasts available on itunes



### **Royal Shakespeare Company**

The RSC have recently developed a learning zone to support the study of Shakespeare's plays.

<https://www.rsc.org.uk/shakespeare-learning-zone/>

Your daughter will also be set revision tasks as homework throughout the year. Please encourage her to spend the time now, to make it easier in May/June

Thank you for your support.