

## Carre's English Department

### Suggested active revision strategies for English Language

- ❖ Borrow a fiction book or find a newspaper opinion piece. Annotate the language techniques used and then consider the structural techniques used as well.
- ❖ Make a quiz of the timings and marks for each of the English Language questions for papers 1 and 2. Test your friends.
- ❖ Find a photograph from a newspaper or on the internet and write a description of it.
- ❖ Ask your teacher for a list of additional writing task questions and write some, under examination conditions.

### Suggested active revision strategies for English Literature

- ❖ Re-read key texts - focus on just a few pages at a time (for example, a chapter or two or three scenes alternate nights).
- ❖ Create statements/cards that summarise the rising or falling fortunes of a character (add a quotation if you can).
- ❖ Select six key moments in a text. Consider why these might be key moments. Storyboard them.
- ❖ Give each poem, text key scene or chapter a title (or alternative title). Explain why you've chosen it.
- ❖ Create a set of 'Top Trumps' for main characters – think about appropriate categories.
- ❖ Ripple diagrams - that show the impact of characters' actions.
- ❖ Creating timelines of events with key moments of importance/tension.
- ❖ Create line graphs of tension in the texts.
- ❖ Create statements about characters or plot details – some true and some false – and then test friends on them.
- ❖ Create mind maps of key themes.

### Revision strategies suitable for both English Language and English Literature

- ❖ Go through each of your exercise books and highlight areas that you find more challenging. Give additional attention to those areas in your revision.
- ❖ Re-write examination practice answers under timed conditions, taking special notice of the targets your teacher has given you.
- ❖ Pay close attention to model answers that your teacher has given you: re-read them and remind yourself why they would achieve strong marks.
- ❖ Learn key spellings and punctuation techniques that you find more challenging - these are often different for every student.