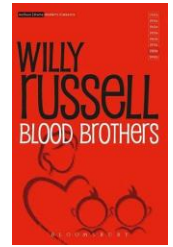


What have we learnt?

This half term, we have started our study of the GCSE English Language C2 paper skills – this is the non-fiction paper. We've learnt to write formal letters, articles and speeches. In English Literature, we have started our study of 'Blood Brothers'.

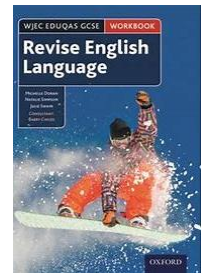


What are we learning next half term?

Next half term, we will be feeding back our October trials results and exploring ways to improve. We'll be revisiting our C1 Language skills from Year 10– fiction reading and writing. In Literature, we will complete our study of 'Blood Brothers' and will complete our study of the poetry anthology.

What can my child be doing at home?

Students need to be revising the key quotations for 'Blood Brothers' in their blue booklets. Listening to the soundtrack is also a really good way of revising. You can find it on YouTube or Spotify. They need to know the plot, characters and themes well. Teachers will also set bespoke revision to help them prepare for the upcoming language trial exams.



When are the key assessment points?

There will be two trial exams for English Language in this half term. The C1 exam involves a fiction reading paper and a story writing task. It is on Tuesday 26th November. The C2 exam involves a non-fiction reading paper and two non-fiction writing tasks (eg, a letter, article or speech). It is on Tuesday 3rd December.

What are this half term's dinner table topics?

Talking about their learning really helps to cement their knowledge. If they can talk about it, they can write about it. Talking round the dinner table is an easy revision win! Here are some suggested questions you could ask:

- Tell me about the story of 'Blood Brothers'
- What effect does social class have on the lives of Mickey and Edward?
- Tell me about the theme of superstition in 'Blood Brothers'.
- What does nature vs nurture mean? How does it affect Mickey and Edward?

