

Student Revision Conference

# AQA GCSE English Language: Achieving Grades 7 to 9

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**DATE**

Online  
Tuesday 16 March 2021

“ *The conference was excellent, all our students benefited from it, and met or exceeded their targets. The trainer was fabulous and gave both staff and students really good examination tips.* ”



## **FAST TRACK YOUR ENGLISH REVISION**

With this comprehensive exam and skills focussed revision conference

### **ABOUT THIS CONFERENCE**

Revised in the light of the 2019 GCSE exams, a fully interactive student conference which provides students with practical, engaging and motivating revision for the AQA GCSE English Language examination. Students will examine quality exam responses and learn new techniques and strategies to become a top grade 7-9 level candidate. Student will gain an understanding of how to move their grade to the top level through a comprehensive breakdown of the different questions that feature in AQA English Language.

- The demands of the questions will be dissected, analysed and discussed by our experienced examiner course leaders to unlock the keys to the top grades

- Participate and interact in a range of activities, quizzes, on-stage tasks and challenges throughout the day.
- Opportunity to ask questions directly to the examiners and subject experts.
- Each student receives a full workbook to complete on the day and full conference presentations / follow-on materials as electronic resources post-conference. These materials are student friendly terminology and templates which specifically helps students who are aiming for grades 7-9
- The course will look in detail at the issues created by the content of the papers especially how they relate to the very top marking bands

### **KEYNOTE SPEAKERS**

**Paul Dodd** is an experienced English expert who has worked as a teacher for over 20 years and within a major exam board before becoming an independent educational consultant.

**Owen Jermy** is a highly experienced English teacher, with 25 years as a Head of English in 3 schools in different parts of the country and has taught Eduqas GCSE English Language and GCSE English Literature for more than 20 years.

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## PROGRAMME

### Welcome and Introduction: Mastering the Content of GCSE English Language Paper 1 10.20 – 10.30am

- What are the examiners looking for? What does a grade 7-9 student look like?
- Examiners' tips: what are the key skills to reach the top grades?
- Winning the marathon: Exam room strategies, using your time effectively
- Nailing the tricky stuff

### Paper 1: Section A: Question 3 - Structure 10.30 – 11.00am

- EXAMINER MESSAGE: This isn't a language question!
- What is structure? How to use structure to get into the very top grade boundaries
- STUDENT ACTIVITY: on-stage student activity. Why putting the right things in the right places will get you the grade.
- EXEMPLAR RESPONSE: What is so good about it?

### Paper 1: Section A Question 4 - Evaluation 11.00 – 11.40am

- EXAMINER MESSAGE: Unpicking evaluative: What is it and how do you write it?
- What to look for in the question- do's and don'ts
- How do you structure your evaluative response- the use of impactful language
- STUDENT ACTIVITY: choosing the right evidence for the right response
- EXEMPLAR RESPONSE: Comparing the response to the assessment criteria

Morning break - Submit your questions for the question box 11.40 – 12.00pm

### Paper 1: Section B: Question 5 - Narrative or Descriptive Writing for the 40-mark question 12.00 – 12.30pm

- EXAMINER MESSAGE: short cuts to excellent writing in the exam; and how to be original in your writing - grade 7-9 exemplar.
- Which question do you choose to maximise marks?
- What writing techniques are characteristic of an 8/9 answer.
- STUDENT ACTIVITY: How to move from a 7 to an 8 and a 9
- EXEMPLAR RESPONSE: Analyse the answer - how could it be improved?

### Paper 2: Section A: Question 2 Summary 12.30 – 1.10pm

- EXAMINER MESSAGE: Reducing and refining - Bringing it all together but knowing they are different
- What is synthesis? How do I turn this skill into an effective exam answer
- STUDENT ACTIVITY: making meaning clear in the least amount of words!
- EXEMPLAR RESPONSE: Excellent responses - what can you learn from them?

Lunch 1.10 – 1.45pm

### Question Box - Speakers will answer the questions given by students 1.45 – 2.00pm

### Punctuate to articulate: The importance of accuracy in your SPG 2.00 – 2.15pm

- Easy ways to raise your grade
- The importance of accuracy in your SPG

### Paper 2: Section A: Question 4, the 16-mark Comparison question 2.15 – 2.45pm

- EXAMINER MESSAGE: Same, same but different. Method not content.
- How do 8/9 students compare effectively in this question- some tips.
- STUDENT ACTIVITY: Looking for the unobvious.
- EXEMPLAR RESPONSE: Think like an examiner - what are they looking for?

### Paper 2: Section B: Question 5 - Writing to Present a Viewpoint 2.45 – 3.15pm

- EXAMINER MESSAGE: what we want and how to do it! Sequencing your argument.
- Planning for these questions - how to ensure success.
- How to start writing effectively- with some examples / students write their own.
- STUDENT ACTIVITY: hitting the grade 7-9 standard; marking real examples of student responses.
- EXEMPLAR RESPONSE: Discuss the exemplar response - what makes a grade 7-9 answer?

### Final Messages 3.15 – 3.30pm

- EXAMINERS' FINAL MESSAGES: key points from each of the presenters - how to be the grade 7-9 student we are looking for!
- 10 Examiners Tips to ensure that Grade 8/9

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Online  
Tuesday 23 March 2021

CODE 8414

### AQA GCSE English Literature: Achieving Grades 7 to 9

Online  
Monday 22 March 2021

CODE 8415

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