

# AQA GCSE English Language

## Exam Strategy



# What To Expect?

- Two exam papers each lasting 1 hour and 45 minutes
- There will be two sections – one focused on reading and the other on writing.
  - The reading sections are broken down into 4 questions
  - The writing sections are asking you to produce one piece of writing – you get marked on both WHAT you write and HOW you write it



# Different Reading Questions Per Paper – Paper 1

- Q1 - Selecting information – finding 4 pieces of information from a short section of a text
- Q2 - Analysis of the writers methods – exploring how the language used creates an effect
- Q3 – Analysis of structure - exploring how the structure of a text creates an effect
- Q4 – Critically evaluating – exploring how a specific effect/impression has been created and the writers intentions in doing this



# Different Reading Questions Per Paper – Paper 2

- Q1 - Selecting information – reading through a short section of text and selecting true or false statements
- Q2 – Selecting information - summarising the differences between two texts and supporting with quotations.
- Q3 - Analysis of the writers' methods – exploring how the language used creates an effect
- Q4 – Comparing attitudes – comparing how writer use a range of methods to present their viewpoint or attitude



# Different Types of Writing Questions

- Paper 1 – a choice of two tasks (either a description or story). One task will have a picture as inspiration.
- Paper 2 – a piece of non-fiction writing in a specific form, for a specific audience and written for a specific purpose.
- Both are marked in the same way
  - 24 marks are available for what you are writing and how it is organised
  - 16 marks are available for the SPaG

