**REVISION GUIDE FOR YEAR 9:**

Your exam lasts **one hour** in Exam Week. You will also do an essay on an unseen poem **before** Exam Week.

**1) Unseen poem: you will need to be able to understand and annotate a new poem all by yourself then write an essay about a specific theme in it.**

**2) Non-fiction writing: this will be a persuasive speech based on the work we have done during the recent units on rhetoric in Animal Farm and real life speeches.**

Both tasks will take around **60 minutes** – the marks are split evenly. Here are some general tips for the two sections...

**Unseen poem**

1) Read the question and highlight the key words to direct your focus.Read through the poem carefully a couple of times and establish the themes of the poem.

2) Spend the **next five to ten minutes** highlighting particular phrases and aspects of interest about the poem. Check back to the question to keep yourself on track.

3) Spend **around 30-35 minutes** writing your essay. Try to ensure that you cover all the main parts of the writer’s craft. **LIST** (**L**anguage, **I**deas/**I**magery, **S**tructure, **T**one) is a useful way to remind yourself to do this.

4) Give your personal response to the poem in the conclusion. Spend the last couple of minutes checking through your work for any small errors.

**Non-fiction writing**

1) Read the task several times and highlight the key words to direct your focus. Perform a quick **PAF** (**P**urpose, **A**udience, **F**orm) to centre yourself in your aims. After this, spend the next **5 to 10 minutes** planning out your paragraphs so that your response develops logically.

2) Spend around **30-35 minutes** writing your answer. You should try to write **stylish** **and formal English – use rhetorical techniques if they are appropriate**. Refer back to the task to keep yourself on track.

3) Leave at least a **couple of minutes** to check through your work and make any corrections.

- See additional files for more advice on poetry and some of the main terminology.  
- Visit [www.englishbiz.co.uk](http://www.englishbiz.co.uk) and Century for further ideas / SPaG practice.