

# English Language GCSE Reassurance – Results at St Alban's



The number of students achieving a C or above has been among the highest in East Wales for 4 years.

2017 & 2018  
83% & 76% A\*-C  
24% A\*-A

We work extremely hard for our students.

# Why is English Language so important?

- Colleges require a C for apprenticeships
- Certain careers require even a B (e.g. teaching)
- Employers consider it a good indication of a person's literacy and communication skills
- Future employers look for students who have English and Maths at C or above
- Life skills – let's make your children confident readers, writer and Speakers!





# The Course/Key Dates

- Speaking and Listening Controlled Assessment 20%
- Unit 2 Exam: Reading and Writing to Narrate, Describe, Explain 40% June
- Unit 3 Exam: Reading and Writing to Argue, Persuade, Instruct 40% June
  
- Walking/Talking Practice Exams - 12<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> November.
- Group Discussion – 10% 8<sup>th</sup> October
- Individual Presentation re-sit - 10% after Christmas
- Practice Exams each half term

Unit 1 Oracy

10% Group Discussion

Boxing  
Volunteering  
Education/Exams

10% Individual  
Presentation

Wales  
World of Work  
World of Science and  
Technology  
Leisure  
Citizenship

Unit 2 Narrative,  
Exposition, Description

40%

Reading  
40 marks  
5/10 mark questions

Editing  
Proof-Reading

Writing 1 task  
2 sides A4  
40 marks  
50% Content  
50% Accuracy

Unit 2 Argue,  
Persuade, Instruct

40%

Reading  
40 marks  
5/10 mark questions

Writing 2 tasks  
1.5 sides A4

20 & 20 marks  
50% Content  
50% Accuracy

# English Key Marginal Students

Where is my student positioned?  
How will I know?

Please ask students for a photo of their tracking sheet to see what they need to work on.

1 Progress Check Data comes out every half term

2 Students have information in their books/folders

3 You can stay to ask if really unsure – we have their Practice Exam results from last half term here. There is a breakdown of Reading and Writing.

4 Some students already have a GCSE in Literature.

# How can I help at home?

- Clear correlation
- PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT - Skills-based
- LIMIT MOBILE PHONES /social media (get support from parent groups)
- ENCOURAGE READING: Times, Independent, Guardian. Talk about articles you have read.
- TALKING – ask their opinion on news issues
- WRITING – ask them to read out what they have written. Encourage them to check spelling etc.
- GROWTH MINDSET - DON'T WORRY if you're not sure – find out with them – show them it's ok to be unsure!
- Be positive but BE CRUEL TO BE KIND. Ensure they have an opportunity to do it somewhere quiet.



# Standard English

<u>should</u> HAVE	should've
<u>would</u> HAVE	would've
<u>could</u> HAVE...	could've
(NOT of)	

Was/were + <u>ing</u>	
I was <u>lying</u>	(NOT I was led)
I was <u>sitting</u>	(NOT I was sat)

I am not... I'm not... It is not... It's not...  
NOT  
(I ain't... I ent... It ain't... It  
ent...)

Verb To do  
I **did**... He did...  
I **have** done... He **has** done...  
I **had** done... He had done...  
(NOT I done it. He done it.)

We	were	I	was
You	were	<u>S/he</u>	was
They	were	It	was

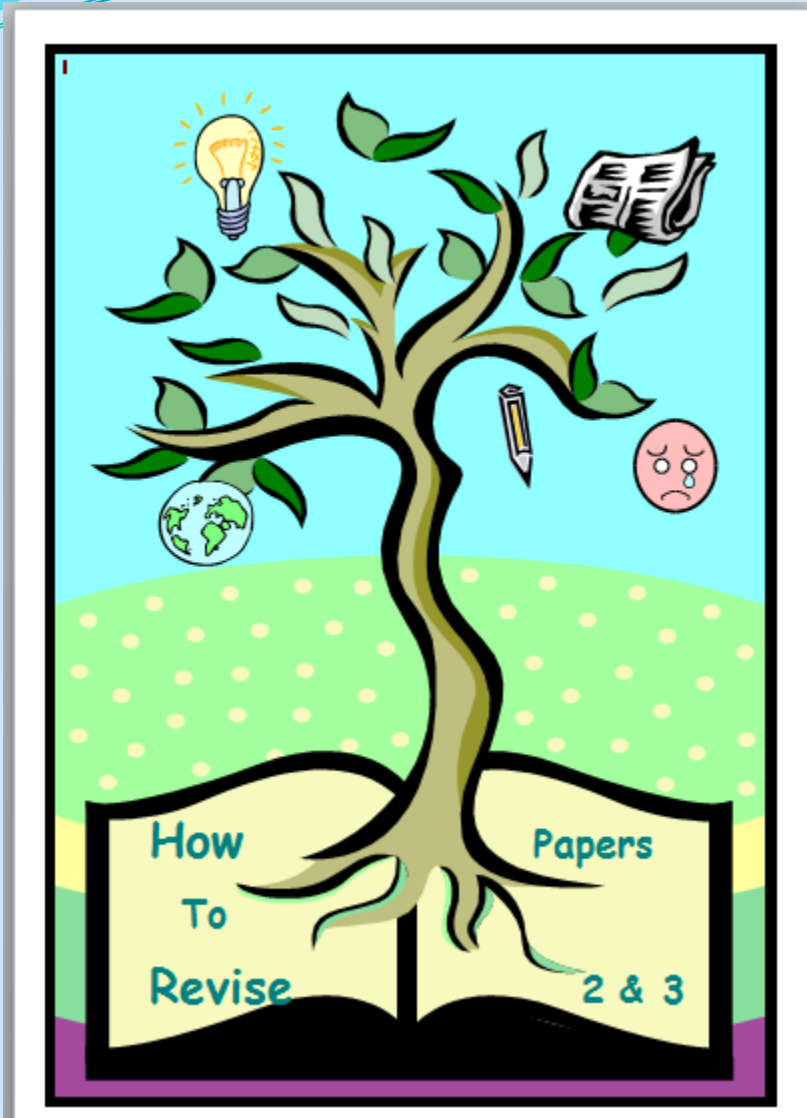
Double Negatives  
In algebra - and - = +  
I didn't do **anything**!  
(NOT I didn't do nothing)

Verb To be: is or are?  
There's lots of people here today.  
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# How can I help with Revision?

- Purchase a WJEC Revision Guide on School Gateway and get them to dip in and out of it.
- Before exams, use the in-house Revision Guide (they have a paper copy and it is on their memory stick).
- Ensure they attend all school revision sessions they are invited to.
- Ensure they attend RAG (when required).
- Stay in touch –  
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my **revision** notes

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