

What to do if you're not where you need to be in English?

First of all, don't panic! If you start trying to work on your areas for development now, then you'll get to where you need to be in time for your exams.

Things you can do in school:

- Speak to your English teacher about what you need to improve. You can catch them after lesson or email them using this formula initial+surname@eccoschool.com
- Have a go at the practise exam papers on the school website so that you can have a go at the questions that you feel less confident on.
- Make sure that you always write down your homework and when it's due so that you can keep on top of it.
- Order an English Language revision guide from school or Amazon.

Things that you can do at home:

- Make sure you have read all your class texts and that you are also reading (fiction or non-fiction) in your spare time.
- Make sure you know where your old English books are so that you can use them to make revision notes in your spare time.
- Make sure all of your class notes are up to date; copy up any work that you have missed.
- Buy revision guides for Language and Literature and make notes from them.
- Log onto BBC Bitesize and make some revision notes for Language and Literature.
- Log on to Sparknotes or Shmoop and make some revision notes for your Literature texts.
- Watch all of Mr Bruff's videos on Youtube.
- Log onto the AQA website and down load the practise exam papers to have a go at.
- Get a book out of the library so that you build up your stamina reading. It would help if you read more Victorian novels like Jekyll and Hyde.
- Tweet any questions that you have to @EccoEnglish or ask them on the EccoEnglish Instagram.

Web links:

AQA Language: <http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-language-8700>

AQA Literature: <http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-literature-8702>

BBC Bitesize Language: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zr9d7ty>

BBC Bitesize Literature: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zckw2hv>

Sparknotes (Macbeth): <http://www.sparknotes.com/shakespeare/macbeth/>

Shmoop (Jekyll and Hyde): <http://www.shmoop.com/jekyll-and-hyde/>

Mr Bruff on Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ch-XqnlUOf4> (this guy is pretty awesome).