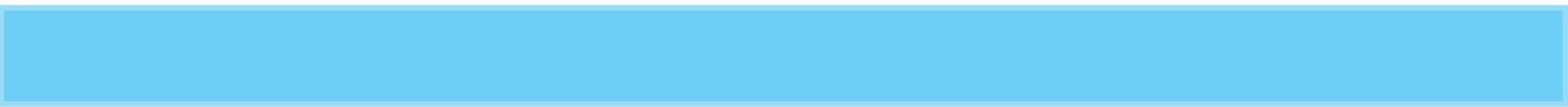


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Question:

What is it exam markers are ultimately looking for?

Answer:

*How well students can answer an exam question. Therefore, it's crucial to **practise writing out** and attempting to answer questions before an exam, rather than just concentrating on taking in information and then waiting until the actual day to get writing.*

Tom Stafford, Lecturer in psychology and cognitive science at the University of Sheffield.



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Starting Year 11, students are in an excellent position regarding their English Language and English Literature studies. All content has been delivered, so there is nothing new to learn. Year 11 is all about identifying areas of weakness and practising skills in order to achieve students' target grades.



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Following on from Year 10 mocks.

Green mock exam feedback PLC sheets

- Students receive a sheet detailing their exam performance question-by-question.
- This will highlight areas of weakness, allowing students to focus their revision, and they will be able to practise accordingly.

Teacher-led classroom intervention.

- Using the afore-mentioned green PLC sheets, class teachers provide in-depth tuition and strategies for improving areas of weakness.
- Students are then given the opportunity to demonstrate that improvement on a fresh exam question.



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After the Year 11 mocks.

Post mock examiner training

- Students will have the opportunity to undergo examiner training.
- They will work towards understanding the mark scheme and identify barriers to achieving the next grade.



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All Year 11 students are timetabled 8 hours of English lessons per fortnight.

This time will be spent going over both the English Language and the English Literature Specifications

Emphasis will be placed on honing exam skills and techniques.



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In the run up to the summer exams:

Drop-in sessions / Exam Clinic

- If some students are still struggling on certain areas, they will be able to sign up to a drop-in session.
- Students will need to bring evidence of previous attempts so that English teachers are able to assess and provide targeted support.



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In English, PiXL support is available to students in 2 main ways;

1. Through the wide variety of revision materials made available to students (many can be found on Sharepoint, or from teachers).
2. PiXL Wave - In November, all students will complete a full English Language mock consisting of two papers, the same number as in June.

In November, both papers will be sent to PiXL following marking, and bespoke revision/support packages will be built for each student based on their exam performance.



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GCSEpod is an online service students already have access to and use.

Assessments and home learning can be set by teachers, but students can also use GCSEpod to view the many short, focused videos that accompany each section of the English Language and English Literature specification, with questions available to support each video or pod.



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- Lit-Charts revision material available on SharePoint - Students can download revision guides for each of the set texts that they study.
- GCSE revision sites – GCSE Pod, PiXL Lit App, GCSE Bitesize, Cliff Notes etc - Students will be able to independently complete revision.
- Revision guides – available to purchase for English Language



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- Independent step-by-step improvement guide available on SharePoint - If students are still requiring further guidance, they can access a question-by-question guide that will further develop deficiencies in exam performance. Students complete work independently and bring to teachers for marking and feedback.
- Past papers and exam-style questions available on SharePoint - Students can work at their own pace, practising skills using the many available resources on SharePoint. Once again, students will be expected to complete



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If you have any questions, please feel free to ask myself, or any of the English team who are around this evening.

If you wish to see individual subject teachers, they can be found in the following rooms:

Ms Early J12	Mr Phillips J12
Mrs Fennell J15	Miss Lawton J15
Mrs Bhogal J12	Miss Marsh J15
Miss Midgeley J12	Mr McCready J11
Mrs Reeds J11	Mrs Martin J15