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## GCSE English in Action

This spring sees the return of our stimulating, information-packed GCSE English in Action programme, featuring a fascinating line-up of presentations guaranteed to enthuse and inspire. During the day, students will hear from a range of expert and engaging speakers who will explore ways to enhance their creativity and writing skills, examine non-fiction texts across time, and tackle unseen poetry. The day will end on an unforgettable note with presentations from not one, but TWO award-winning poets, who will read from and discuss their poetry before taking questions from the audience. Students are guaranteed to leave brimming with essential insights and ideas.

The day will be chaired by Julia Geddes. Julia is an experienced Head of English, a Senior Examiner for a major examination board and a textbook author. She has published many study guides for both GCSE and A-level students.

- Exploring non-fiction texts
- Creative writing
- Poetry reading
- Poetry reading



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Exploring non-fiction texts /  
Graham Elsdon Teacher, author, examiner



Graham will discuss and explore non-fiction texts, using examples from the nineteenth century alongside some more modern pieces. He will consider the comparative analysis of texts from different time periods. This session supports the assessment of reading non-fiction texts.

Graham is an English leader, visiting lecturer, and author of several study guides and textbooks. Graham has co-designed current English specifications and is part of Ofqual's Panel of English Experts.



Creative writing /  
Jennifer Webb Trinity Academy Cathedral, Wakefield



Jen will explore effective ways to make your writing stand out and how to develop descriptions to gain marks. She will also tackle what to avoid when writing descriptively.

Jennifer Webb is an English teacher and Assistant Principal. She is the author of 'How to Teach English Literature: Overcoming Cultural Poverty' (2019), regular conference speaker and teacher trainer.



Poetry reading /  
Owen Sheers Poet, Author and Playwright



Award-winning Welsh poet, author and playwright Owen Sheers will introduce and read selected works from his collections of poetry. He will discuss the meaning and inspiration behind the words and answer questions from the audience.

Owen Sheers is a poet, author and scriptwriter, whose many awards include Somerset Maugham for *Skirrid Hill* and *Blue Book*, and Welsh Book of the Year for *The Dust Diaries* and *Pink Mist*.



Poetry reading /  
John Agard Poet



Winner of the Queen's Gold Medal for Poetry (2012), the first CLPE Poetry Award for *Under the Moon & Over the Sea* (edited with Grace Nichols) in 2003 and the CLIPPA for *The Young Inferno* (also illustrated by Satoshi Kitamura) in 2009. His poetry is a regular feature on the GCSE curriculum.

A leading poet, children's writer and playwright, John Agard is a unique, driving force of contemporary poetry.



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