

STUDY SKILLS – YEAR 13 ENGLISH

Individually

- Analyse mid-year and end-of-year examinations to identify weaknesses in content knowledge (e.g. “Do I Know what a *synecdoche* is?”), and essay writing skills (e.g. “Am I able to use T.E.D.E.E. properly?”).
- Brain-storm and plan essays for the topics in the various handbooks.
- Write mock introductions and conclusions for the same.
- Develop quotation sheets for Shakespeare, Film, and Poetry and memorise these - remember short, relevant and accurate quotations!
- Develop spreadsheets of film techniques used at key points in the film.
- Practise timed essays using examination topics in booklets.
- Develop model essays (or paragraphs) for the following
 - (i) Poetry- style; imagery; structure/form; theme(s); language techniques, and diction (word choice(s)); remember to think about how your poet uses these in a unique way.
 - (ii) Film- key scenes; characterisation; theme(s); film techniques e.g. lighting, sound.
 - (iii) Shakespeare- at least three key scenes – one from the beginning, one from the middle, one from the end - remember this is the BARE minimum; major characters; major themes.

These are strictly to be used as models. **DO NOT** memorise them and try to force the question to fit your essay. Large consideration in the examination is given to your ability to answer the **given** question.

Study Groups

- Peer assessment of essays using marking judgements.
- Swap brain storms to generate ideas.
- Re-read, discuss, review – have a get together for these, with pizza (for instance) as a reward at break time.

Tutorials - These will start in Term 4, Week 5.

Resources

- Your Teacher! Check with your teacher if you have any specific questions or you need to find some information or you are thinking of purchasing a study aid- they just might be able to help.
- Study guides - 8 week Mahobe and ESA Pass Workbooks (available from the student shop). Also you may wish to check out other guides such as ‘York’ and ‘Cliff’ Notes. These can be outdated so check with Ms Tairi.
- Libraries- the school library, Cambridge Town Library, Hamilton City Library and, especially, the Waikato University library will all have good material.
- Model essays from past students.