

Higher/National 5 English

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Four key elements to course:

1. RUAE (Close reading) -30 marks
 2. Scottish Set Text -20 marks
 3. Critical essay writing – 20 marks
- Exam
4. Folio of writing – 30 marks

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All these elements are taught concurrently.
Young people need to have covered all elements by the prelim in January.

This means organisation is very important.

A₄ ringbinder.

Dividers clearly marked with the elements

A₄ lined pad of paper

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Target Setting

One to one interviews taking place at the moment.

Identify areas for improvement – specific advice.

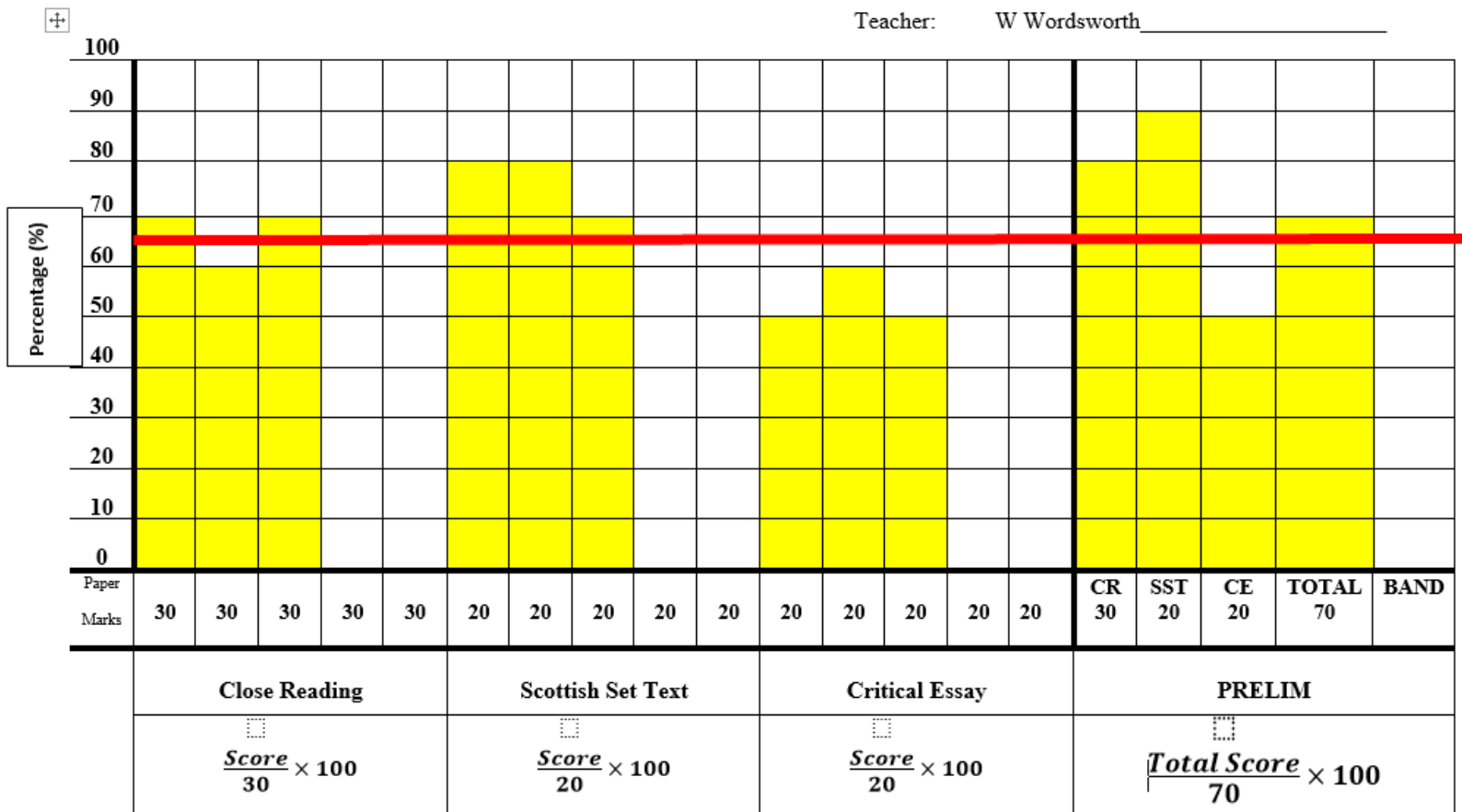
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Tracking Progress

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Name: W Shakespeare _____

Teacher: W Wordsworth _____



Useful Tips

- Encourage reading as much as possible.
- Quality newspaper articles. (Guardian app offers free access)
- Exposure to quality writing makes language more accessible/less daunting and widens vocabulary

Useful Tips

- The **Folio of writing** is submitted to SQA in March/April (depending on the level)
- This is worth 30 marks (30% of overall grade)
- Key area to focus on and refine at home to ensure maximum benefit. Teacher will provide feedback – pupils responsible for taking that advice forward.
- Beware of plagiarism – very strict.

Lots to learn!

Course is heavy on knowledge which they then need the skills to present that knowledge effectively.

- Need to know quotations, significance of characters, symbols, settings etc
- “formulas” for close reading and final question in set text element

Useful Tips

- No homework? Students in English regularly have to make detailed notes, often at pace.
- Rewriting or typing these notes/highlighting key ideas and themes makes a real difference when it comes to retention. Create mindmaps/spider diagrams/Powerpoints/Sway presentations
- Simply reading over notes is passive. Make revision active.

Useful Tips

- There are many resources available to supplement the study we do in class:
- SCHOLAR (all pupils signed up)
- Edmodo
- Sparknotes (for literature)
- Shmoop (for literature)
- Leckie and Leckie/Bright Red study guides N5/Higher
- SQA website for past papers