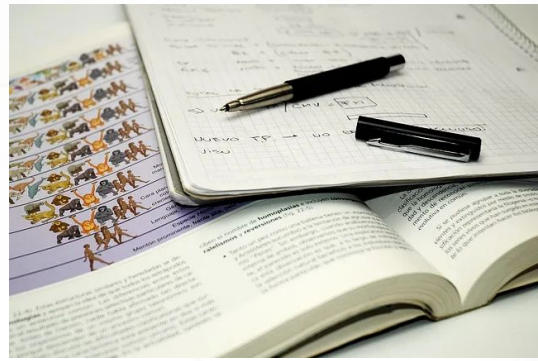




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You'll never find me!



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December Star Pins Trip

On Thursday the 18th of December 2025, there will be a trip to star pins west orchards the cost of this trip is 26 this will include bowling pool ice shuffling pingpong mini golf darts shooting shuffleboard basketball and air hockey You will also be able to get unlimited cordial as well and between the times of 12 - 1 you will be able to get pizza crispy chicken bites and salted fries



Examination Time

What do you think about the shortened mock times? Well, many students are happy, while others question if it should happen. On one hand, the shortened times will put less pressure on students and make them feel better towards exams. However, shortened mock exams also pose an issue on the fact that students will not be used to the full exam, believing they will be able to finish the questions they missed in the extra half an hour, coming to the realisation of their lack of time. This is



a very big problem because we are talking about real life qualifications that determine the jobs that you can get.



Problems with prisons!!!

Just this year 262 criminals with varying lengths of sentences and varying severities of their committed and convicted crimes have been released prematurely by accident. One story of this is of an man who committed assault on a minor and got charged with a 12 year sentence in prison. Only a few weeks into his sentence the man was released by the guards at the prison even telling them that it was a mistake. He was then free to live a normal life for 6 months before the police realised the mistake and brought him back in however the increasing commonality on these occurrences are concerning.

What are your thoughts on this?

Speed limit for walking???

Recent news from slovakia shows that the government intended on introducing a speed limit of 3.7 miles per hour (1.65ms^{-1}) and a 100 Euro (£88) for breaking this.



The intention behind this is to protect pedestrian and this law is aimed at people walking, cyclists, people on scooters and skateboards e.c.t. Ways of implementation are currently unknown

The law is to come into effect on January 1st 2,026. What do YOU think of this?





Gift Guide



Headphones

Headphones and earbuds have become an increasingly popular gift choice for many students. They're practical for everyday use and also because they support a wide range of activities from studying in noisy environments to enjoying music



Quarter Zip

Quarter Zips have become very popular with younger generations, especially paired with Matcha, a great christmas gift, especially in some chilly weather.



Record Player

Record players are the perfect gift for young record collectors to allow them to hear all of their favourite records and not just collecting dust.



Gym Membership

A Gym membership is a great gift for teenagers, with people wanting to be increasingly more healthy, and gym-culture being more developed, as well as a great new years resolution.



Games

The Newest games are a great gift for any teen, and very entertaining to play. They are great to relax after a long day or to entertain themselves, Overall a great gift.



Orange Smarties

Orange Smarties, there only the very best flavour of smarties and i'm sure a certain Mrs Wallis would LOVE some for christmas.

How to succeed in English Language (GCSE) (written by a cool person)



So we're back at this again - issue 2 of the English Language advice article! If you weren't present for the first airing of this series, last issue we discussed the idea of developing points further with a technique involving asking oneself "why", an effective technique taught a fair few years ago to me by some teacher somewhere. Useful for language papers 1 and 2 alike, which is absolutely beneficial for all things marks-wise

To follow up this gratefully supplied revision material, I shall explain more techniques you can use to heighten your ability to effectively answer the variety of questions given across the AQA specification papers.

Right, this time let's take a gander at structure - we'll jump between structure and methods between every issue, to give us a variance in given information, and to help this feel less stale.

With every structure technique you will use, you will respectively need to identify it in one of the extracts given with your paper. But, an important thing to consider is that almost anything can be considered a structural technique. Of course there are the louder ones, such as alliteration, shifts in tone, and repetition. These are decently well known (tonal shift is a tad harder to pick up on however) so are typically mentioned more in papers. They are also some of the go-to devices in question 5, meaning you will need to use them effectively to gain an edge over others in terms of your marks.

I'll briefly mention the rest of PAFOREST as well, given that I mentioned alliteration. Only use it for question 5 on paper 2. They are structural devices that enhance the rhetorical (speech) ability of the text, whereas paper 1 is looking for something descriptive or explanatory. They can still be useful on their own, and are decently easy to integrate, but they should not be a significant focus of paper 1.

Going back to the first point; almost anything can be considered structure. Obviously not language techniques such as adjectives and (mostly) metaphors, and plain old words aren't either. However, if you have two words, that could be an example of structure. Sentence length is an easy one to miss out on, but sentence length variation lets you link to ideas of:

Tension and/or fear

Commitment/confidence

Deep understanding and acknowledgement

Chaos and disorganisation

Depending on the combinations of short and long sentences and how often they're used. Shorter sentences emphasise tension, whereas long ones emphasise confidence.

What about paragraphs? They're like sentences but longer! And guess what, the same applies - Long, in-depth paragraphs emphasise clearance, clarity, and confidence (look at that cheeky little triplet I put in there). Shorter paragraphs often suggest a shift in tone, and a significant build in tension. The single sentence paragraphs reiterate this, and often imply something notable and harrowing has occurred.

Even clauses; you can do it with them too. As well as sentence length, sentence composition matters too. More main clauses, again, like short sentences suggest something tense, unclear and chaotic. Subordinate clauses, like long sentences, imply something is more clear or understandable. The amount of them matter too - more clause combinations in one sentence, if written as such, can add upon to this idea.

In summary, structure is very useful to know how to recognise, and keep an eye out for any in the extract for your benefit in lang 1 question 3, and the whole of paper 2. While there are notable techniques you should always use when possible, remember that every sentence can have a form of structure you can write about, and how it links to the bigger picture - I haven't even begun to talk about tone, perspective, and time shifts in text.

Regardless, stay in tune for the next issue of this paper, and also remember there are dictionaries and thesauruses in S04 :D



Christmas Movies

Christmas is only around the corner and you need to get into the spirit of the season. So why not do that by watching some classic and more modern christmas movies that will make you wish it could be christmas everyday.



Arthur Christmas

Score: 4 / 5

A perfect christmas movie for all audience. The world fields alive, the idea is interesting and the characters are loveable and believable even if they are fantastical creatures or tech santa military general. Overall this is a simple concept with great characters that will get you straight into the warm feelings that everyone wants after a great christmas movie

The Nightmare Before Christmas

Score: 5 / 5

This may have been in the last issue but i mean there is literally christmas in the title so that's excuse enough to talk about this film 2 weeks in a row. Tim burton has perfectly mixed the spooky feeling of halloween and the holiday cheer of christmas perfectly and thats why its able to fit into both and neither category at the same time. It's still an incredible film start to finish and you should definitely be watching this holiday season



Home Alone

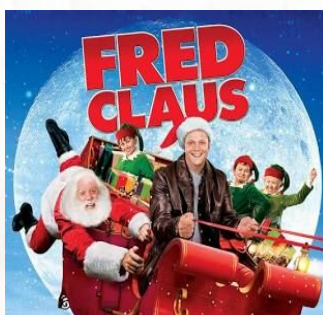
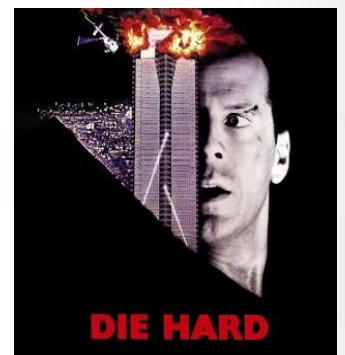
Score: 4.5/ 5

Home alone is an all time favourite christmas movie for many people and it is for me as well. Even if the franchise has been dragged and rinsed for all its worth. But the opening film is full of cheer and slapstick humour that allows the film to remain timeless today. The film also includes great performances from a young macaulay culkin and joe pesci who both have incredible comedic performances even for culkin's young age

Die Hard

Score: 3.5 / 5

Die hard is a christmas movie without contention and that why its here. A great action movie and one that can really change the pace of the films people are typically watching during this season. The late alan rickman plays the best villain in any christmas movie as bruce willis fights his way through nakatomi plaza in an attempt to save his wife and make it back to his daughter in time for christmas. With great choreography on the action this a great switch up from some more potentially cheesier options that people usually watch for the christmas period



Fred Claus

Score: 4 / 5

This may be some level of personal biases but this film is a childhood favourite and thats why its got to be on here, a surprisingly stacked cast that is full of star power that have come together to create a charming and funny although flawed christmas movie. For example the pacing is a bit weird and vince vaughn has a funny but insufferable character for the first hour of the film at least but this film is still incredibly funny and charming throughout with some incredibly loveable characters and

Advent Calendar



<p>Day 1 – English Lit</p> <p>Create character/theme flashcards for one literature text (e.g., <i>Macbeth</i>, <i>A Christmas Carol</i>, <i>An Inspector Calls</i>)</p>	<p>Day 2 – Maths</p> <p>Review algebra basics: simplifying expressions, expanding brackets, solving linear equations</p> <p>20-min practice set</p>	<p>Day 3 – Science (Biology)</p> <p>Make a mind map on Cell Biology + complete 10 recall questions</p>	<p>Day 4 – English Lang</p> <p>Complete one Q5 creative writing paragraph using a picture prompt</p> <p>Focus on sensory detail</p>	<p>Day 5 – Maths</p> <p>Practice fractions, decimals & percentages conversions</p> <p>Do 15 quick-fire questions</p>
<p>Day 6 – Science (Chemistry)</p> <p>Revise the Periodic Table groups + trends</p> <p>Draw and label a simple periodic table</p>	<p>Day 7 – English Lit</p> <p>Write a 20-min mini essay plan for a common theme question (e.g., “How is power presented?”)</p>	<p>Day 8 – Maths</p> <p>Geometry recap: angle rules & triangles</p> <p>Complete 10–15 mixed questions</p>	<p>Day 9 – Science (Physics)</p> <p>Create flashcards for Energy stores + transfers</p> <p>Try 5 short calculation questions</p>	<p>Day 10 – English Lang</p> <p>Practice one Language Paper 1 Q2 (writer’s methods) paragraph</p>
<p>Day 11 – Maths</p> <p>Graphs: coordinate plotting & gradient</p> <p>Do 2 short graph tasks</p>	<p>Day 12 – Science (Biology)</p> <p>Revise Organisation (digestive system, enzymes)</p> <p>Draw the digestive system + enzyme table</p>	<p>Day 13 – English Lit</p> <p>Re-read key quotations for one text and test yourself</p>	<p>Day 14 – Science (Chemistry)</p> <p>Bonding: ionic vs covalent</p> <p>Draw diagrams for 3 ionic and 3 covalent compounds</p>	<p>Day 15 – Maths</p> <p>Practice simultaneous equations (substitution + elimination)</p>



Advent Calendar

<p>Day 16 – English Lang</p> <p>Attempt a full Question 4 (evaluation) paragraph</p> <p>Focus on clear judgement + evidence</p>	<p>Day 17 – Science (Physics)</p> <p>Electricity recap: series vs parallel circuits</p> <p>Do 6 circuit-based questions</p>	<p>Day 18 – English Lit</p> <p>Timed 10-minute quotation recall challenge: write as many quotes as you can from one text</p> <p>Then check & highlight gaps</p>	<p>Day 19 – Maths</p> <p>Probability basics + tree diagrams</p> <p>Complete a short worksheet</p>	<p>Day 20 – Science (Biology)</p> <p>Revise Infection & response</p> <p>Create a pathogen + immunity summary sheet</p>
<p>Day 21 – English Lang</p> <p>Complete a mini practice paper: Q1, Q2, Q4 (20–25 mins total)</p>	<p>Day 22 – Maths</p> <p>Do 20–30 minutes of mixed exam-style questions (past paper section)</p>	<p>Day 23 – Science (Chem + Phys)</p> <p>Dual revision day: Chem: Rate of reaction recap Physics: Forces & Newton's laws quick practice</p>	<p>Day 24 – English Lit & Lang</p> <p>Festive final revision: Write one essay plan for Lit Do one 10-minute Language Q5 opening paragraph</p> <p>Reward yourself afterwards!</p>	



COVENTRY CITY FC TOP OF THE LEAGUE

Since the new season started, CCFC have been on a constant streak of victories, with 10 Wins, 4 Draws and only 1 Loss. In the last game, coventry cooked stoke city, which is 3rd in the league, 1-0 with Ephron Mason-Clark



in the 86th Minute. This comes with coventry's winning streak with only 1 Loss to the pack of cheaters Wrexham that done paid the referee to make the great Coventry City FC lose. Apart from that, coventry have been doing nothing but shocking the crowd, with win after win, and only slithers of draws, which coventry basically won anyway.

From a conducted survey, 52% of pupils in this school support coventry city, with the rest of the students probably not knowing what they are talking about. So this school is a proud majority of coventry supporters, as it should be.

In other news the GOAT Sakamoto has been scoring in all the past games, him being the Greatest Of All Time and our star from tokyo is undisputed, did I mention he is genuinely the GOAT.

This opinion is completely UNBIASED!!! Will coventry's winning streak and #1 spot in the league continue? It Probably will, because they are the greatest team in the world.



	Stoke City	0	FT Sat 8 Nov
	Coventry	1	

Student achievements

Anay Aroon (year 10)- Anay has just recently been offered the opportunity to sit his maths GCSE a whole year early being the only student in the year to be offered this opportunity. This is because of his true excellence in maths being noticed by teachers and producing work of the highest quality and accuracy. However this does beg the question, if he is to sit them this year what is to happen to him for year 11 maths as he has already completed the course?

Highest year 10 positives- Student Tobias Zaidi (year 10) has just this week been the first person in the year to cross 200 positives as of week ending 28/11/25. Furthermore he has now passed 250 as of week ending 14/12/25

Congratulations to Oliver Goundry (Year 12) for achieving the Best in School award (yes that's really the name), as part of the Senior Mathematics Challenge at WMG Academy.



A-Level electronics – addressing your known concerns

Are you one of the 26 people attending the Electronics AS/A-Level course at this academy? Like myself, do you have **concerns** about the events on Wednesday, the 5th of November, in which **abysmal** marking capability from the teaching individual was demonstrated? Particularly those of you who are internal, returning from years 10 & 11 at this academy, it will be majorly apparent that there were **errors** in the supposed “mark scheme” performance that simply cannot be ignored.

Dropping a whole *six* marks because of mannerisms that came across as an act of raw oblivion and contempt rather than a simple misunderstanding, is blatantly unacceptable in a subject that is leagues more significant than the equivalent GCSE. And there were people losing five, seven, eight marks simply because the marker made themselves out to be an unreliable source. If the *logic systems* paper appeared to have been handled so poorly, it is evermore worrying how much more of the unit can be tarnished, misinformed and misguided later in the course.

I am not saying names, as not to be rude, and as that probably will end me up in an office on the ground floor, standing somewhat guilty-looking in front of a governing individual, as well as those whom I have criticised. *However*, I, and certainly none of you, are willing to dismiss the subpar portrayal of a teaching attitude, and ability to show a knowledge of the subject content.

Not going to pat anyone on the back here either, but I certainly know at least one guy who could make a teacher better than them. (*Discluding myself, because that's narcissistic*)

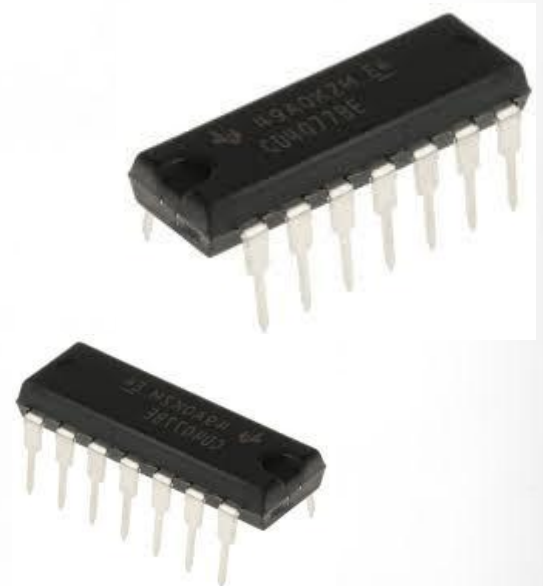
Obviously, with the events laid out as they were on that day, there is little way that this capability of marking can continue. With the AI slide mentioned in the last issue as well (October 8th never forget), the hope of many students, particularly the internals, is dwindling rapidly lesson after lesson. The fact that in lessons it's easier and more feasible to teach oneself the course, as opposed to listening to the **individual who is meant to have the capabilities to teach, and have a deep understanding of the subject content**, is a serious point of concern.

Compared to the **GOATs** that were the teaching team given to us in Years 10 and 11, it seems the subject has been left behind, without much incentive to provide proper specialists, or at least someone more aware of the content in the field. Obviously this is no fault of the past teaching team (*but at least I can criticise the new one ok*).

(Guys we should make a study group and replace the teaching scheme. That'd be cool.)



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Houses be quite expensive (and it's really darn annoying).

If you are an individual who has started a savings account in which a portion of your working wage goes into in order to save up for your own abode (which should really be none of you but let me get there), then you'll have noticed an interesting trend in prices of said abodes have increased just a *little* bit in proportion to the adjusted increase in wages.

In 2005, the average price of a house was somewhere in the £150,000 ballpark. A good chunk of money still, but nothing compared to the range of £300,000 to £500,000 that seems to be occurring now. In comparison to the national minimum wage, which went from £5.05 per hour to £11.44 in the same timespan. Looking at the differences between these it may not seem as bad - on the lower end anyways, the living wage has multiplied by a greater amount than the housing prices. However, we are obviously not factoring the:

- Doubling of average water prices, of which a large amount has been in the past 2 years
- (in some cases) tripling of electricity bills
- Circumstance that newly built houses cost £100,000-£150,000 more than older establishments (so building new ones doesn't fix anything)
- Layoffs that people keep doing for some reason
- Petrol prices in some areas multiplying by 4
- Fact that no one seems to want to hire in the first place
- Costs of the "weekly family shop" over doubling
- The construction workers don't even seem to want to build houses now (Let's put in some more useless cycle lanes and make everyone 20 minutes late and less fuel efficient with our silly traffic lights)

And I could continue.

The root of this cause isn't one thing because if it were then we'd've overthrown it by now - rather the... suboptimal management of the people who have a lot of power and sit in fancy rooms all day arguing about how immigration is supposedly killing the country (it's not), and passing bills reducing the funding to the NHS. As well as these people, outside conflicts, which happen every millisecond in the wonderful world of **Eastern Europe** as well as the place a tad south of that location. These conflicts not only bring a serious amount of death and trauma to many innocent people, but also compromise the trade of certain goods which will in turn increase the prices of supplies for things like construction, and food. This is probably one of the reasons why the weekly shop costs more, and probably, at least in the early 2020s, where the surge in electricity prices emerged from. Don't get me started on the US I'm not qualified to talk about that.

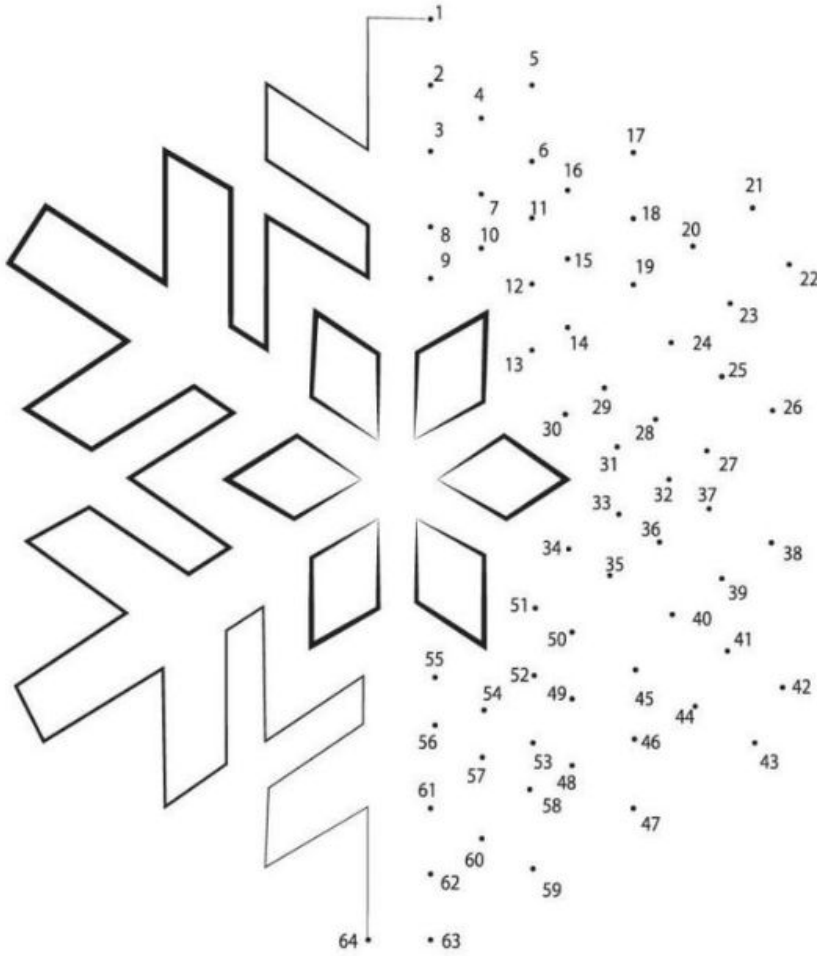
So is the housing crisis boiled down to incompetent pensioners who make bad decisions? Well everything is ok this is a really shallow ending to the article but there's not a fat lot I can suggest about this. If you save earlier and eye all the potential house tours and offerings you can get your hands on. Try your best to climb the corporate ladder early on (essentially, know the right people), and have rich parents who can provide for you.

I'm not allowed to say that rebelling against the government is a good thing so therefore instead I declare we're screwed >.<





Connect the Christmas Dots!



Christmas Word Search

M	I	S	T	L	E	T	O	E	E	F	Q	G	S	X	C	J
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C	J	R	D	I	A	G	E	R	Q	E	P	V	E	B	A	I



History that happened this month!

1. The montgomery boycott began
2. Pablo Escobar assassinated
3. Attack on pearl harbor
4. Saddam Hussein is captured
5. Women are able to vote for the first time
6. The boston tea party
7. Wright brothers successfully fly the first plane ever
8. President lincoln is impeached
9. Van gogh chops off his ear
10. The Ussr is formed

Did you know any of these?

Holiday depression 🙁🙁

Many people become depressed around this time of year due to things like daylight savings time reducing vitamin D intake and the festive holidays exemplify their loneliness and cause them to feel sad.

This can feel like many things like constant low mood, loss of interest in activities , lower energy, changes in appetite, E.C.T

If any of these apply to you please know that you are loved and cared for and that you should not keep this weight on you and should try seek help
What are your thoughts on this?

