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Each year our specialists host 90 GCSE and A level free Network events

You told us:

- It was fab, as always... Feedback on exam reports, and the 19th century anthology gave fresh ideas for texts and teaching approaches.  
  *Julia, Dudley*

- It has not only helped us immensely with understanding the exam units, but also has energised our approach to delivering the specification in general. I would recommend this to any centre!  
  *James, London*

- Always feel supported and inspired after the network and discussion.  
  *Melissa, Swindon*

Our network events are a great opportunity to meet other schools in your area and always have a different teaching and learning focus as suggested by you.

New locations added every year!

- A level network events
- GCSE network events
Meet our subject specialists

Andrew Green is Senior Lecturer in Education at Brunel University London. He has published widely on A level texts and on the teaching of literature at A level, including books on Frankenstein, Wuthering Heights, High Windows, The Whitsun Weddings and William Blake's Songs of Innocence and of Experience. He is also the author of Starting and English Literature Degree (Palgrave Macmillan 2009), Becoming a Reflective English Teacher (Open University Press 2011) and A Practical Guide to Teaching English in the Secondary School (Routledge 2012), Teaching English Literature 16-19 (Routledge 2013) and English Literature B (Cambridge University Press 2015).

Julie Hughes came into teaching following a successful career in the commercial sector. After achieving a first class degree in English and History as a mature student, she went on to teach English at a large Nottingham Academy where she progressed to the role of Director of English and Literacy. Julie has written the new Edexcel GCSE English Language Revision Guides and is currently working on text books for Functional Skills. She still teaches whenever she can and works alongside English Departments running staff training and student intervention programmes.

Esther Menon is an English consultant, with previous advisory experience in 2 local authorities and London Challenge ‘Keys to Success’ schools. She currently holds a part-time senior leadership post in Gloucestershire, including English teaching and whole school literacy development, alongside freelance work. She was the lead consultant for the development of the 2015 Edexcel A level literature specification and is a NATE officer of many years.

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Liz Mangan was a teacher of English for many years and has been a Senior Examiner for GCSE English Language for nearly as long. She is also currently Assistant Principal Examiner for both Edexcel IGCSE English Language and GCSE English Literature and Assistant Principal Moderator for Speaking and Listening. In addition to delivering both online and face to face events on GCSE and IGCSE Language and Literature throughout the UK, she has been fortunate enough to deliver training overseas, most recently in Bangladesh and Indonesia.
Our specialists not only deliver our termly network events up and down the country, but are available to provide support and expert advice to you and your department. Below are some examples of what they can deliver:

**GCSE**

- Help to get started with us
  - (ZIP 2.9MB)

- How to inject creativity into KS3
  - (ZIP 22.7MB)

- Different approaches to teaching AO4: evaluation
  - (ZIP 7.4MB)

- Approaches to teaching writing effectively
  - (ZIP 5.9MB)

- Feedback on the previous exam series
  - (ZIP 164.5MB)

**A level**

- Help to get started with us
  - (ZIP 20.2MB)

- Coursework standardisation training
  - (ZIP 9.7MB)

- Ideas for approaching prose
  - (ZIP 7.2MB)

- Writing about poetry: ‘coherence’ AO1 and ‘connections’ AO4
  - (ZIP 2.0MB)

- Feedback on the previous exam series
  - (Link to 2018 Feedback for all Papers)

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