

## **IGCSE English**

3 pieces of written coursework: approx.. 500 words each.

Inform, analyse, argue

Imagine, describe, narrate

Response to a text

You can produce drafts, you can get feedback.

Writing to narrate: The highest band essays contain examples of the following:

Paragraphs vary in length

Discourse markers link paragraphs and sentences within paragraphs

Repetition is used for effect

Changes to paragraphs are controlled in terms of time, place, person, tense, theme

One word, or single sentence paragraphs are used for effect

Paragraph order may be experimental. (These may include flashback. Not necessarily chronological.)

## **Drink driving advertisement**

You Tube: 'Don't Drink and Drive.' Irish TV commercial. 1984

Watch the first time then the second time..

Pick the most poignant moment. What does poignant mean?

Write a simple sentence.

'He took another gulp of beer.'

'A boy played football.'

The most poignant moment is when the top of the flower is cut off reflecting the death of the little boy.

A well-tended suburban garden. Children playing happily. Father swings boy around. Girl on the swing, boy playing football. ( time )

A young man joking with his friends. Scoring a goal, celebrating. Drinking in the bar. ( going back 4 hours? )

Driving home, laughing. Swerving. Car flips over fence. Kills little boy. Boy cradled in father's arms. Garden wrecked. ( time )

Unaware of how much he had drunk, Deano decided to take another gulp, and another, and another.

As time goes by, the celebrations continue and Deano guzzles down more beer .

The back garden is a place of safety, family time and fun,( a sanctuary from the rest of the world ) not a crash pad for a drunken stuntman.

Sounds of children playing and birds singing fill the air.

The sounds of birds chirping, along with the joy in the young child as he is picked up by his dad.

Sounds of birds chirping fill the air as the child is picked up by his father.

Model a story based on this. Each event is a new paragraph.

Poignant: 'a keen sense of sadness or regret.'

Underline the most poignant moment as a stand alone.

## **GCSE English**

Writing a response to a text

### **Paragraphing**

Paragraphs vary in length

Discourse markers denote progression in your answer