EXAM STASH

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

GHOST OF CHRISTMAS YET TO COME

AQA GCSE ENGLISH LITERATURE



SHADOW | FUTURE | CONSEQUENCES

WHO ARE THEY?

A silent, hooded spirit who shows Scrooge the possible consequences of his choices in the future.

THE BIG IDEA

The last spirit makes Scrooge interpret the consequences of a life without affection. Its silence places pressure on him to recognise himself and choose.

CHARACTER JOURNEY

1. Approaches silently



2. Shows an unloved death



3. Reveals family grief



4. Points to the grave



PAIRED KEY QUOTATIONS

Silent power

'a solemn Phantom'	Narrator, Stave 4
'The Spirit answered not'	Narrator, Stave 4

Explain: The ghost's imposing outline and refusal to explain make the future difficult to negotiate with. Scrooge must connect the fragments himself rather than wait for a reassuring speech.

Prediction becomes possibility

'I fear you more than any spectre'	Scrooge, Stave 4
'I am not the man I was'	Scrooge, Stave 4

Explain: The direct admission exposes vulnerability. The later assertion announces a changed identity, but the final stave must still test that claim through action.

CONNECTIONS TO THEMES AND OTHER CHARACTERS

- **Themes:** Change and redemption (the possibility of a different future); consequences (the results of a life without kindness); mortality (the certainty of death).
- **Other characters:** Scrooge (forces self-reflection and change); Tiny Tim (through the absence of love and care in the future).

DEVELOP YOUR IDEAS

Point (basic): The ghost shows Scrooge the results of his selfishness, which urges him to change.

Nuanced interpretation: The visions are warnings about a possible future. Do not claim the spirit proves that change is impossible or confirms Tiny Tim must die.

RECALL

Why delay the dead man's identification until the gravestone?