

Year 10 English

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Curriculum Overview: Pupils will continue their journey from Year 9 into GCSE English Literature study. They will start by studying Macbeth, and then move onto 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens. After studying two literature texts and the writers' viewpoints, pupils move onto EN LG P2. Pupils have explored ideas and viewpoints in Macbeth and ACC and now get to see how it's done in fiction. They will be able to spend more time refining their writing skills for question 5. At the end of the half term pupils can identify the viewpoints and perspectives in two poems from the anthology and begin to make comparisons - depending on ability. In the lead up to Easter, pupils will read 'An Inspector Calls' by J B Priestley. Post Easter pupils will exam some of the anthology poetry and revise for their end of year exams beginning with Language Paper 1 revision.

Topic Studied- Term 1

AQA GCSE English Literature
Macbeth by William Shakespeare. Plot, themes, characterisation and other methods used by Shakespeare will be explored and analysed.
'A Christmas Carol' is studied next and again there is examination of context, ideas, character, language and structure.

Topic Studied- Term 2

AQA GCSE English Language – pupils will study all of the question areas on exam paper 1 and paper 2. This means practising reading a variety of texts from the 19th – 21st century, including fiction and non-fiction. AQA GCSE English. This is interleaved with the Literature paper 2 study J.B Priestley's 'An Inspector Calls' , its dramatic devices and how Priestley used the play as a mouthpiece for his own ideas about society.

Topic Studied- Term 3

Pupils will study a range of modern and pre 20th century poetry from an anthology of poetry selected by the exam board. They will learn how to compare poems. We will also teach some unseen poetry to prepare pupils for section c paper 2.
Revision for Language and Literature exams will also happen in class for their end of year exams.
Post exams pupils will prepare their spoken language presentation which is a compulsory aspect of the AQA English Language GCSE.

Assessments:

AQA exam style reading and writing assessments take place each term. On top of this there will also be spelling tests and subject terminology tests.

Homework:

Homework is set each week by the class teacher. In the case where a class has more than one teacher it is the teacher the pupils see most who sets the homework. Pupils should also be spending time reading at home to support their literacy skills.

Other Useful Information:

Throughout the year we have events to support pupils with their studies and we will inform parents about these events once current restrictions are lifted.