



Curriculum Overview

Curriculum Area: English and English Literature

Year: 10

Curriculum covered:

Autumn Term

English Literature - All pupils will begin by studying Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol with a focus on characters, events and themes. All pupils will also begin exploring poems from the Eduqas Poetry Anthology through an in-depth study of five poems which will include Remains, Disabled, War Photographer, Kamikazi and Drummer Hodge.

English Language - All pupils will develop knowledge and understanding of the English Language Component 1 and 2 reading sections. To begin with, all pupils will focus on the different types of question stems and how to embed references from the text in their answers. Towards the end of the term, pupils will be introduced to the full exam paper and how to answer questions within timed conditions. In addition to this, pupils will further their knowledge of Creative writing that was completed during KS3 and focus on effective openings and the importance of planning. All pupils will study the format and tone of an effective review and use their acquired knowledge and understanding of A Christmas Carol to write a review of the novel to demonstrate what they have learnt.

Spring Term

English Literature – All pupils will begin the spring term by studying J.B Priestley's An Inspector Calls with focus on characters, events and themes. They will also be taught how to respond to exam style questions and revisit A Christmas Carol in preparation for the Year 10 examination.

English Language – In preparation for the Year 10 exams, pupils will complete more practice of responding to Component 1 and 2 reading sections. They will also cover formal and informal letters. Following the exams, pupils will be given time to respond to feedback and set targets for improvement

Summer Term

English Literature – All pupils will begin by studying William Shakespeare's Macbeth with a focus on characters, events, and themes. All pupils will further their studies of poems from the Anthology. These will include Blackberry Picking, I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud, Schoolboy and I Shall Return.

English Language – At the beginning of this term pupils will be introduced to the GCSE assessed Spoken Language. They will prepare an individual presentation at home and present it to the class during the second part of the term.

Internal Assessment

A variety of informal assessments such as knowledge checker quizzes, question and answers and interleaving activities will be used during lessons to assess pupils' knowledge of the different GCSE components. In addition to this, pupils will complete formal assessments each half term.

Autumn Term

English Literature Component 2 – A Christmas Carol – focus on family and a Part (a) response to Remains.

English Language Component 2 – Transactional writing – Review of A Christmas Carol and a formal letter.

Spring

Year 10 exam – English Language Component 1 and 2

English Literature Component 2 – An Inspector Calls and A Christmas Carol.

Summer Term

Spoken Language – all pupils will deliver a formal speech/presentation.

English Literature Component 1 – Poetry Anthology Comparison.

Exam Board/Exam Paper Requirements/% Weighting

Key dates (mocks and final exams)

Year 10 exam - English Language Component 1 (full paper)
English Literature Poetry Anthology

End of Year 11 exams:

Eduqas English Language - Component 1: 20th Century Literature Reading Creative Prose and Writing – 1 hour 45 minutes – 40% - written exam.

Component 2: 19th and 21st Century Non-fiction Reading and Transactional/Persuasive Writing – 2 hours – 60% – written exam.

Component 3: Spoken Language – Individual presentation/Speech

Eduqas English Literature -Component 1: Shakespeare (Macbeth) and Poetry – 2 hours -40%.

Component 2: Post 1914 Drama (An inspector Calls), 19th Century Prose (A Christmas Carol) and Unseen Poetry – 2hours 30 minutes – 60% - written exam.

Helpful resources/revision guides/websites/exam preparation

- Throughout Year 10, pupils will be reading and studying a variety of texts; especially for the GCSE English Literature course. Pupils are encouraged to re-read texts, but also read fiction and non-fiction texts for pleasure. All set texts are available through ParentPay. Pupils also have access to the texts on Sparx Reader
- CGP revision books are available through school's ParentPay for all components of the English Language and Literature.
- All pupils will be completing notes for all the poems from the Anthology including annotations of the poems in their book.
- All pupils will be taught how to compile revision cards on components of the exams, so these can be used at home.
- All pupils are encouraged to attend revision sessions after school and at lunch times.
- Theatre trips throughout the year are a good way of consolidating knowledge of the Literature