

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 the AQA poetry cluster 'power and conflict', and then move onto 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens. After Christmas they will study the skills needed for GCSE English Language Paper 1 and Paper 2. Reading and writing skills are covered: identifying information, explaining, summarising, comparing, using quotes and subject terminology and analysing effects in detail. Writing non-fiction, narrative and descriptive texts are also covered. After Easter pupils move onto studying J.B Priestley's play 'An Inspector Calls'. This leaves the final half term of the year free for revision – particularly on Macbeth which the pupils will have read in Year 9.

Topic Studied- Term 1

AQA GCSE English Literature – poetry. Power and conflict cluster. Pupils will study 15 poems which fit into the theme of power and conflict. They will annotate their poetry anthologies and study the context, techniques, ideas and effects of the poems. '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.

Topic Studied- Term 3

AQA GCSE English Literature – J.B Priestley's 'An Inspector Calls'. Pupils will study the play, its dramatic devices and how Priestley used the play as a mouthpiece for his own ideas about society. In the final half term pupils will revise 'Macbeth' which they studied in the summer of Year 9 and sit their end of year exams. Revision will happen in class.

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 celebrate various events which help us to engage pupils with the subject. Roald Dahl Day, National Poetry Day, Harry Potter Night, World Book Day and Readathon are examples of such events.