

English

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Curriculum Overview: Pupils follow the AQA syllabus for GCSE English Language and English Literature. All pupils will be entered for both subjects (4 exams in total) and submit a non-assessed speaking and listening presentation. The content for the two course has been studied during Year 9 (Macbeth) and in Year 10, meaning Year 11 is used as a revision year and as a way to heighten engagement with the content.

Topic Studied- Term 1

AQA GCSE English Literature – we begin by revising a selection of the poems in the poetry cluster, and then move onto revising An Inspector Calls and A Christmas Carol.

AQA GCSE English Language – Revision of language paper 2 exam will take place, which covers reading and writing skills.

Topic Studied- Term 2

Mock feedback

After completing mock exams in the previous term, there will be acute feedback given to each class on every exam area. Teachers will tackle each area of language and literature and support pupils in making improvements to their responses.

Once mock feedback lessons are completed, revision will focus on English Language paper 1 and Macbeth.

Topic Studied- Term 3

As final exams approach, pupils will revise multiple areas of the course in lessons.

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.