

English

GCSE AQA

What will be covered?

Students will study a range of topics to help prepare them for their GCSE:

Autumn Term 1- Poetry: Power/Conflict or Love/Relationships

Autumn Term 2- Shakespeare: Macbeth

Spring Term 1- Language Paper 1: Descriptive and Narrative Writing

Spring Term 2- Modern Text: An Inspector Calls

Summer Term 1- Language Paper 2: Non-Fiction Analysis

Summer Term 2-Revision of Poetry and Modern Text based on PPE

Students will be studying the GCSE course in preparation for potential early entry for English Literature in Year 10.

What students need to do to achieve:

Students will be studying the GCSE course in preparation for potential early entry for English Literature in Year 10. This will allow for more preparation for English Language in Year 11 and will spread the exam load evenly over the two years.

Students will be required to take two written exams for English Literature and two written exams for English Language. At the end of Year 11 they will have completed two GCSE courses.

Lesson time will focus on reading the texts and developing skills such as analysis, inference, evaluation and comparative technique. Students will have to learn to be independent thinkers in the classroom and be able to deal with literature ranging from the 1900's to modern day to cope with the challenges of studying the new GCSE English Literature and Language and this will be tackled through the texts that we have chosen.

Outside of the lesson, students need to read a range of fiction and non-fiction material including newspapers and magazines to help develop their literacy skills. It will also improve the way that they respond to unseen texts which is a skill that they will have to master for their GCSE.

How parents / carers can help students:

Ensure that students complete the homework they are given to a high standard and support staff in upholding good standards in student work. Spelling, punctuation and grammar support would also be helpful to students to further embed the importance for this outside the classroom.

Progression

The course provides an excellent progression route into GCSE and later A Level English Literature and Language. It also provides students with basic tools to use in later life such as presentation skills and proficiency in reading and literacy.

