



English: Curriculum Overview

Year 9

Term	Topic studied	What will I learn?	How will I be assessed?
Year 9 Autumn 1	Crime and Punishment	<p>This unit introduces students to the Victorian era and prepares students to write an evaluative analysis of a novel through close analysis of an extract. This unit prepares students for studying 'A Christmas Carol' in Year 10.</p> <p>Texts covered include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sherlock Holmes short stories • 'The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde.' • 'Great Expectations' <p>Students will begin to understand AO1, AO2 and AO3 analysis required for AQA Literature Paper 1.</p>	<p>Pupils will write an analysis of an extract from 'Great Expectations.'</p> <p>This question is in the style of AQA Literature Paper 1.</p>
Year 9 Autumn 2	Conflict Poetry	<p>This unit introduces students to some of the poems from the GCSE anthology. This unit prepares students to write one comparison of two poems. Pupils will be taught language, structure, and form analysis for each poem, as well as comparative skills throughout.</p> <p>Poems covered include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Charge of the Light Brigade • Bayonet Charge • War Photographer • Poppies • Exposure 	<p>Pupils will write a comparative essay, using two poems which they have studied.</p> <p>This question is in the style of Literature Paper 2, Section B.</p>
Year 9 Spring 1	Dystopian Fiction	<p>This unit prepares students to write a short story / extract in the 'Dystopian Fiction' genre. The unit will be delivered with reading analysis (looking at real writers'/ student models) to feed into writing skills.</p> <p>Students will access a variety of extracts from the genre, which include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • '1984'; 'Fahrenheit 451'; 'The Maze Runner'; 'Animal Farm' <p>This prepares students to use skills needed for answering GCSE Language Paper One, Section B which include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crafting language to suit form/ vocabulary for effect; • Sentence structure for effect; Using punctuation effectively. 	<p>Pupils will write an extended piece of narrative / descriptive writing from the genre 'Dystopian Fiction'. They will be given a picture stimulus to prompt their writing.</p> <p>This question is in the style of GCSE Language Paper One, Section B.</p>
Year 9 Spring 2	'Of Mice and Men' Modern Novel	<p>This unit prepares students to write an analysis of a novel, without an extract, based on AQA Literature Paper 2, Section A.</p> <p>AO1, AO2 and AO3 skills are covered to prepare students for studying 'An Inspector Calls' in Year 11.</p> <p>This text enables students to engage with issues such as racism, friendship, justice etc.</p>	<p>Pupils will write an essay focusing on a key theme from the novel.</p> <p>This question is in the style of AQA Literature Paper 2.</p>
Year 9 Summer 1	Reading 19th Century Literary Non-Fiction and 21st Century Fiction.	<p>This unit is designed to help students engage with and prepare for the reading non-fiction elements of the GCSE English Language Paper 2.</p> <p>This unit will also include some time for creative writing, in which students will complete opinionated pieces, based on a relevant topic.</p> <p>This is in line with AQA Language Paper 2, Section B.</p>	<p>Pupils will complete textual analysis and comparison of two texts, with similar themes.</p> <p>This question is in the style of AQA Language Paper 2, Section A.</p>
Year 9 Summer 2	Introducing Shakespeare's 'Macbeth.'	<p>This unit is designed to further students' knowledge of Shakespeare from KS3 and begin to study 'Macbeth,' our chosen text for AQA Literature Paper One.</p> <p>Students will develop knowledge of context and start with Act One.</p> <p>Students will build on their understanding of the Assessment Objectives (AO1, AO2 and AO3 analysis) required for AQA Literature Paper 1.</p>	<p>Pupils will complete an assessment on an extract from Act One of 'Macbeth.'</p> <p>This question is in the style of AQA Literature Paper 1.</p>

