

SUBJECT: English

YEAR GROUP	Year 10								
Rationale	The KS4 curriculum builds on the skills taught at KS3 and prepares students to take the EDUQAS English Literature and English language GCSEs. Students read a range of fiction and non-fiction texts, including those outlined in the English Literature GCSE specification. They read for a range of different purposes, are taught how to respond critically to texts that they have read, but are also encouraged to read for enjoyment. Staff use literature to broaden social, historical and cultural horizons. They write in a variety of styles and participate in group discussion and formal presentations. All activities, resources and learning are differentiated so that they are age and ability appropriate. The aim is to ensure that our students have the skills needed to access their KS4 qualifications, but more importantly to equip them with the comprehension and articulation skills needed for success.								
	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term						
Topic/Unit	Language: Fiction reading & writing Literature: Poetry & A Christmas Carol	Language: Non-fiction reading and writing Literature: A Christmas Carol/ An Inspector Calls/ Poetry	Language: Non-fiction writing Literature: Macbeth (and poetry, if needed)						
Knowledge	English Language: Component 1 Section A Fiction reading Section B Story writing English Literature: Poetry: Component 2C Unseen and 1B Anthology (Remains, War Photographer, The School Boy, Blackberry Picking) Component 2, section B A Christmas Carol - first reading Leading to the study of: Scrooge/Bob Cratchit and the Cratchit family/The Ghosts/Christmas.	English Language Component Two Section A Factual reading Section B Transactional writing styles: article, review, letter, speech English Literature: Component 2 Section B: 19th Century Prose A Christmas Carol Exam Technique Topics: Scrooge/Bob Cratchit and the Cratchit family/The Ghosts/Christmas. Component 2 Section A: Post-1914 Drama An Inspector Calls Topics: Mr Birling, Sheila, Inspector Goole, social responsibility. English Literature Component 1B: Anthology Poetry Cousin Kate Sonnet 29 Kamikaze Dusting the Phone Drummer Hodge	English Language Writing practice: complete all other transactional writing formats. English Literature: First reading of 'Macbeth' Cover 'knowledge' (Plot, character focus on Macbeth and Lady Macbeth, general overview of themes) 2 nd practice of story writing.						
Skills	English Language Reading fiction comprehension: selecting implicit and explicit information; the effects of writers' craft; developing a coherent personal response. Creative Prose Writing: develop GCSE story writing skills (narrative structure, characterisation and narrative voice, language techniques; sentence structure and vocabulary use for deliberate effect and technical accuracy). English Literature Establish and develop understanding of text and exam approaches E.g. exploding an extract/literature essay planning and writing skills, using the skills organiser for analytical writing sentence stems.	English Language Reading non-fiction comprehension: selecting implicit and explicit information; the effects of writers' craft; developing a coherent personal response and text comparison. Transactional writing skills: developed, coherent argument; use of persuasive devices; sentence structure and vocabulary use for deliberate effect and technical accuracy. English Literature: Further develop understanding of text and exam approaches E.g. exploding an extract/literature essay planning and writing skills, using the skills organiser for analytical writing sentence stems.	English Language Continue to develop transactional writing skills. English Literature Establish understanding of text and exam approaches E.g. extract analysis, poetry analysis and comparison (if needed), literature essay planning and writing skills using the skills organiser for analytical writing sentence stems						

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Assessments: Formative	English Language Reading: 10 mark question: writer's craft 10 mark question: personal response Writing: First draft of story. English Literature Scaffolded practice exam question of Blackberry Picking (Poetry Anthology)		English Language 4 mark question: synthesize information from two texts 10 mark question: comparison Writing: Transactional writing task. English Literature Scaffolded practice exam question of A Christmas Carol and An Inspector Calls		English Language/Literature As necessary for each class/individual in preparation for exam.	
Assessments: Summative		English Language Full component 1 exam: (fiction reading comprehension and story writing) English Literature 1 hour) Anthology poetry			English Language Component 2 exam (non-fiction reading comprehension and transactional writing). English Literature A Christmas Carol and An Inspector Calls	
Possible Homework	English Language Fiction Reading - Practising reading questions/ papers Fiction Writing - Narrative planning - Writing sections of stories - VSSP worksheets (punctuation & grammar) - Improving vocabulary English Literature Past paper questions, flash cards, learning quotations. Annotating text extracts. Reading/ rereading sections of texts. Revising Knowledge Organisers. Quotations quizzes/knowledge retrieval practice. Practising literature analysis (from short paragraphs to full essays)		English Language Non-Fiction Reading - Practising reading questions/ papers Non-Fiction Writing -Planning non-fiction writing topics - Revising non-fiction formats - Researching writing topics - Learning tier 2/3 vocabulary and/or spellings - VSSP worksheets (punctuation & grammar) English Literature: Annotating text extracts - Reading/ rereading sections of texts - Revising Knowledge Organisers - Quotations quizzes/knowledge retrieval practice - Practising literature analysis (from short paragraphs to full essays) English Literature Past paper questions, flash cards, learning quotations. Annotating text extracts. Reading/ rereading sections of texts. Revising Knowledge Organisers. Quotations quizzes/knowledge retrieval practice. Practising literature analysis (from short paragraphs to full essays).		English Language See term 2 English Literature: Annotating text extracts - Reading/ rereading sections of texts - Revising Knowledge Organisers - Quotations quizzes/knowledge retrieval practice	