

Year 11 English - Yearly Overview - 2025–26

Term	Topic	Component	Notes: Why are you delivering this topic at this time of year?
Autumn 1	Spoken Language Module (AQA Endorsement) & Language Paper 1 Q5	Focus: Speech Writing, Oracy, Delivery; Creative Writing (Narrative/Descriptive)	The term begins with the AQA Spoken Language component to build confidence in verbal communication, persuasive techniques, and structure. Transitioning mid-term to Language Paper 1 Question 5 allows students to apply those rhetorical and expressive skills to creative written forms. Q5 is introduced early and taught over several weeks to reflect its weight (50%) in the exam.
Autumn 2	Language Paper 1 (Q1–Q4)	Focus: Reading Fiction, Comprehension, Language and Structure Analysis, Evaluation	This unit teaches students how to read critically and analytically, with each question broken down to build confidence. Studying fictional extracts gives learners the opportunity to engage with writer's methods and develop close-reading strategies.
Spring 1	Language Paper 2 Q5 – Transactional Writing	Focus: Writing to Argue, Persuade, Advise (Letters, Articles, Speeches)	Giving priority to Paper 2 Q5 early in the term ensures students understand how to structure arguments, use tone and register effectively, and master persuasive devices. This real-world writing is also a natural progression from the Spoken Language module.

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Spring 2	Language Paper 2 (Q1–Q4)	Focus: Non-Fiction Reading, Summary, Comparison, Writer’s Viewpoints	This term focuses on developing analytical reading skills across different non-fiction texts. Students learn how to compare ideas and perspectives effectively, which reinforces their own ability to form opinions and support them with evidence.
Summer 1	Revision and Mastery: Language Papers 1 & 2 (Q5 Focus)	Focus: Writing Workshops, Timed Practice, Targeted Feedback, Consolidation of Paper 1 & 2 Q5 Writing	Returning to both Question 5s with advanced strategies allows for consolidation and polish of extended writing skills. Students revisit narrative, descriptive, and transactional writing with a focus on stamina, structure, and style.
Summer 2	Mock Paper Practice & Skills Refinement	Focus: Full Paper Practice, Timing, Self-Assessment, Independent Strategy Use	The year ends with full paper mock assessments and self-evaluation. This final term helps students understand the exam as a whole, manage time, and use all skills taught across the year to respond independently to unseen texts and prompts.