

Year 9 Curriculum Outline 2023-24


Year 9 and GCSE English Language and Literature

Course Content

Term	What's the topic?	What will we be learning?	What core terminology will we embed or use?	And how does this get assessed at GCSE further in the future?
Autumn half term 1	<p>Heroes</p> 	<p>How to analyse the language and structure of novels</p> <p>How to write effective story openings ourselves. <i>How to evaluate how effective writers are in their story openings.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • flashback • narrative • dialogue • foreshadowing • verb • adjective 	<p>AO2 (Lang): Explain, comment on and analyse how writers use language to achieve effects and influence readers, using relevant subject terminology.</p> <p>AO5 (Lang): Communicate clearly, effectively and imaginatively, selecting and adapting tone, style and register for different forms, purposes and audiences.</p> <p>AO4 (Lang): Evaluate texts critically and support with textual references.</p>
Autumn half term 2	<p>Pioneers and Explorers</p> 	<p>How to write an effective and creative piece of descriptive writing.</p> <p>How to analyse language and structure within non-fiction texts from the 19th, 20th and 21st centuries. <i>How to evaluate how effective writers are in their descriptive writing.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • simile • metaphor • personification • symbolism • onomatopoeia • extended metaphor 	<p>AO5 (Lang): Communicate clearly, effectively and imaginatively, selecting and adapting tone, style and register for different forms, purposes and audiences.</p> <p>AO2 (Lang): Explain, comment on and analyse how writers use language to achieve effects and influence readers, using relevant subject terminology.</p> <p>AO4 (Lang): Evaluate texts critically and support with textual references.</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;">Spring term</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Poetry</p> 	<p>How to analyse a poem and identify a range of effects within a poem. How to use context to inform readings of poems. <i>How to compare the effects of two poems.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • rhyme • enjambement • sibilance • assonance • rhythm • sonnet • caesura 	<p>AO2 (Lit): Analyse the language, form and structure used by a writer to create meanings and effects, using relevant subject terminology. AO3 (Lit): Show understanding of the relationships between texts and the contexts in which they were written. <i>AO3 (Lang): Compare writers' ideas and perspectives, as well as how these are conveyed, across two or more texts.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Summer half term 1</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Drama text</p>	<p>How to analyse character and setting in a drama text. How to present to a group of students (whole class or within a group) ideas about a writer's viewpoints. <i>How to use context to inform our ideas about plays.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • dramatic irony • tension • dialogue • stage directions • gothic 	<p>AO2: Analyse the language, form and structure used by a writer to create meanings and effects, using relevant subject terminology where appropriate. AO7: Demonstrate presentation skills in a formal setting. AO8: Listen and respond appropriately to spoken language, including to questions and feedback on presentations <i>AO3: Show understanding of the relationships between texts and the contexts in which they were written.</i></p>

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Year 10:

Date	Topic	Assessment
June-July 2023	GCSE English Literature Paper 2, Section A: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Modern Text – ‘An Inspector Calls’• Whole text – choice of two examination questions	Practice question on first part of text.
September-October 2023	GCSE English Literature Paper 2, Section A: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Modern Text – ‘An Inspector Calls’• Whole text – choice of two examination questions	Whole text practice question
November-December 2023	GCSE English Literature Paper 1, Section B: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nineteenth-century novel – either ‘A Christmas Carol’ or ‘Frankenstein’• Extract-based question linked to whole text.	Practice exam papers
January 2024	GCSE English Literature Paper 1, Section B: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nineteenth-century novel – either ‘A Christmas Carol’ or ‘Frankenstein’• Extract-based question linked to whole text.	Practice exam papers
February-early May 2024	GCSE English Literature Paper 1, Section A: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shakespeare play – either ‘Macbeth’ or ‘Romeo and Juliet’• Extract-based question linked to whole text.	Practice exam papers
May-June 2024	GCSE English Literature Paper 2, Section B: Power and Conflict Poetry	Practice exam papers

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	First eight poems of the AQA Power and Conflict Poetry cluster (an anthology of 15 poems from across the English canon and drawn from different periods and cultures)	
June-July 2024	<p>GCSE English Language: Spoken Language Endorsement</p> <p>Speaking and Listening assessment on a topic of the students' choice. Students required to deliver a speech to an audience and then respond to questions regarding their chosen topics.</p>	<p>Spoken Language assessment</p> <p>Year 10 mock exam: English Literature Paper 1 (Shakespeare and the nineteenth century novel)</p>
September-October 2024	<p>GCSE English Language Paper 1:</p> <p>Descriptive writing skills and unseen fiction extracts in preparation for mocks.</p>	<p>Mid October – GCSE English Language Paper 1 mock exam</p>
November-December 2024	<p>Return to GCSE English Literature Paper 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revision of Shakespeare play – either 'Macbeth' or 'Romeo and Juliet' • Revision of nineteenth-century novel – either 'A Christmas Carol' or 'Frankenstein' • Extract-based question linked to whole text. <p>Return to GCSE English Literature Paper 2, Sections B and C:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete study of the 'Power and Conflict' poetry cluster (remaining seven poems) • Comparison question – one named poem compared to poem of choice. • Unseen poetry practice – analysis of two linked poems (one question per poem, then comparison) 	<p>Early December – GCSE English Literature Paper 1 mock exam</p>
January-February 2024	<p>Return to GCSE English Literature Paper 2, Section A:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revision of modern text ('An Inspector Calls') for January mock exam (English Literature Paper 2) 	<p>Year 11 mock exam in early January 2024 – GCSE English Literature Paper 2</p>

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	GCSE English Language – Paper 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysis of literary non-fiction from different periods • Writing to argue/persuade 	Practice exam papers.
March 2024	GCSE English Language – Paper 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysis of literary non-fiction • Writing to argue/persuade 	Early March 2024 – GCSE English Language Paper 2 mock exam
April-May 2024	Revision of all units for all exams	All exams

Year 11:

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September-October 2024	GCSE English Language Paper 1: Descriptive writing skills and unseen fiction extracts in preparation for mocks.	Mid October 2024 – GCSE English Language Paper 1 mock exam
November-December 2024	Return to GCSE English Literature Paper 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revision of Shakespeare play – either ‘Macbeth’ or ‘Romeo and Juliet’ • Revision of nineteenth-century novel – either ‘A Christmas Carol’ or ‘Frankenstein’ • Extract-based question linked to whole text. Return to GCSE English Literature Paper 2, Sections B and C: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete study of the ‘Power and Conflict’ poetry cluster (remaining seven poems) • Comparison question – one named poem compared to poem of choice. • Unseen poetry practice – analysis of two linked poems (one question per poem, then comparison) 	Early December 2024 – GCSE English Literature Paper 1 mock exam

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January-February 2024	Return to GCSE English Literature Paper 2, Section A: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Revision of modern text ('An Inspector Calls') for January mock exam (English Literature Paper 2) GCSE English Language – Paper 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Analysis of literary non-fiction from different periods• Writing to argue/persuade	Year 11 mock exam in early January 2025 – GCSE English Literature Paper 2 Practice exam papers.
March 2024	GCSE English Language – Paper 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Analysis of literary non-fiction• Writing to argue/persuade	March 2025 – GCSE English Language Paper 2 mock exam
April-May 2024	Revision of all units for all exams	All exams

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