English Department Learning Journey

AQA: Speaking and Listening GCSE

Year 10

Knowledge/ Skills Covered:
- Creative writing
- Narrative writing
- Technical accuracy
- Sentence structure
- Figurative language
- Ambitious vocabulary
- Creating imagery

Students will use their extensive exposure to challenging and engaging text to craft their own creative pieces in a variety of styles.

Language Paper 1: Section B
Creative writing

Cultural Capital: Using writing as an art form and an outlet for thoughts feelings and creativity. Crafting and re-drafting.

Creative Writing

Unseen Exam Question (Poetry)

EOY Exams

Year 10 Spring HT 6

Knowledge/ Skills Covered:
- Poetic devices
- Context/author
- Analysis of language/structure and their effects
- Linguistic devices
- Themes
- Comparisons

Poetry: Power and Conflict

Students will study 15 poems from the AQA anthology exploring the abstract theme of power through poems about war, loss and identity.

Cultural Capital: Wider study of the expression of thoughts and feelings from a range of experiences and perspectives.

Comparative Analysis

Comparative Analysis

Year 10 Summer HT 5

Poetry: Unseen & Power and Conflict

Students will begin by studying a range of unseen poetry to build independent analytical practice. This will be a pre-requisite to beginning study of the anthology.

Knowledge/ Skills Covered:
- Poetic devices
- Context/author
- Analysis of language/structure and their effects
- Linguistic devices
- Themes
- Comparisons

Unseen Exam Question

Poetry Analysis (Anthology)

Poetry Analysis (Unseen)

Unseen Exam Question (Macbeth)

Year 10 Spring HT 4

Knowledge/ Skills Covered:
- Plot
- Characters
- Themes
- Context
- Essay writing
- Analysing language and structure
- Authorial intent

Shakespeare: Macbeth

Students will study ideas around guilt, ambition and masculinity as they explore Shakespeare's seminal characters on a regicidal mission.

Cultural Capital: Love of reading and appreciation of the writer's craft. Exposure to a wide range of genre and fiction.

Character Analysis

Thematic Analysis

Mid Year Assessment

Revisit Shakespearean Context

Character Analysis

Year 10 Spring HT 3

Knowledge/ Skills Covered:
- Plot
- Characters
- Themes
- Context
- Essay writing
- Analysing language and structure
- Authorial intent

19th Century: Dickens' A Christmas Carol

Students will study Dickens' didactic novella in detail, analysing the language, structure and form used to present his message.

Cultural Capital: Wider study of treatment of others and the consequences of class disparity. Understanding of redemption and forgiveness.

Thematic Analysis

Character Analysis

Character Analysis

Year 10 Autumn HT 2

Knowledge/ Skills Covered:
- Plot
- Characters
- Themes
- Context
- Essay writing
- Analysing language and structure
- Authorial intent

Modern Play: An Inspector Calls

Students will explore the themes of social injustice in this 20th century moralistic play and continue to build on prior knowledge to critique society.

Cultural Capital: Wider study of treatment of others and the consequences of class disparity.

Character Analysis

Thematic Analysis

Unseen Exam Question

Year 10 Autumn HT 1

AQA GCSE course begins