

Chellaston Academy

English	Year 10 GCSE English Literature Curriculum

Intent

We aim to deliver a year 10 GCSE English literature curriculum which is accessible to all students, irrespective of starting points, where students will thrive on their love of learning. Students will build confidence and demonstrate an ability to evaluate the world around them through examining a range of literary and non-literary texts. We will provide opportunities for an enriched understanding and appreciation of our literary heritage and cultural diversity. This should lead to a respect for all through a deeper compassion and empathy with different identities. Through exposure to different texts, students will develop a critical mindset which will engender an appreciation of the wider world and learning outside of English.

Implementation

We want to develop independent learners; students will discover how to establish a personal line of enquiry and how to equip themselves with the skills which build resilience. We will give students the opportunity to work on their own, in pairs and in groups. We expect students to facilitate the learning of others by contributing to class discussions, group tasks and work in a productive and ambitious manner. We will provide structure and frameworks to support students in their development as readers and writers, ensuring learning is differentiated to enable all students to make excellent progress. Clear and precise communication skills are important to us and will become more refined as students grow in confidence. We will use agreed pedagogy to help students craft their responses to texts and become fluent readers. All learners will have access to quality first teaching which adopts a consistent approach to lesson delivery and utilises common resources. Students will be given home learning activities to promote supported self-study. Long term memory will be developed through retrieval practice and knowledge organisers.

Impact

A strong grasp of English will enable students to succeed in later life and we envisage them having a thorough understanding of how the curriculum links to potential future careers. We will enable our students to be the best versions of themselves through understanding and appreciating differences in others. Regular assessments will take place in Year 10 to check on students' progress. These will identify where students are experiencing success and where the curriculum may need to be adjusted. Students will move into Year 11 as more confident readers and writers who have made good progress towards their end of Key Stage academic targets.

Links to prior learning

The Year 10 English literature curriculum builds on the skills learned in KS3 English by consolidating and reinforcing contextual knowledge for Dickens and Priestley (from the pre 19th century work) and Shakespeare (from the villains schemes in year 8 and 9). In addition to this, students recall knowledge from the canon scheme in year 7 where they will draw on literary links and deepen their understanding of contextual factors. Students will develop their understanding of characterisation and plot and will continue to show their analytical skills through an exploration of the writer's purpose. The use of academic verbs will be broadened to allow for a more nuanced and sophisticated examination. Some students will continue to develop their PETAL skills whereas others will branch away from this formulaic structure in order to allow for a more fluid approach to analysis.

Links to future learning

The Year 10 English literature curriculum directly introduces students to GCSE material in preparation for their forthcoming exams in Year 11. Students will explore all the set texts throughout Year 10 so that in Year 11, their analysis can be deepened, and their essay writing skills can be refined. Students will become accustomed to spaced retrieval activities throughout the two-year course so that knowledge can be embedded while skills are being developed. The set texts range from 19th Century Literature to 21st century literature and this allows for students to be exposed to a breadth of texts. This links across the wider curriculum as students will be engaging with a range of texts in history and they are able to make contextual links across the subjects. Should students wish to study English literature at A Level, they will have begun to look at different genres and contexts in readiness. Students will develop their essay writing skills and begin to make comparisons and evaluations across texts in order to spot patterns.

Links to other subjects and the wider curriculum

The Year 10 English Literature curriculum links to other subjects through developing a broad awareness and understanding of the wider curriculum. Development of literacy will support the study of other text-based subjects. Study of historical novels and world texts will support an understanding of chronology and appreciation



of different countries and cultures. We will build on written skills and oracy through all schemes of work and encourage students to critically question and interpret information available to them.



Topics

Autumn 1 - Power and Conflict Poetry (Paper 2 Section B)

Reading Structure

Language

Exploration of form Context

Contex Links **Academic Writing**

PETAL development Academic verb choices

Home Learning

Knowledge organisers to embed content from the relevant poems.

Revision activities on linked quotations

Early introduction to Quotation Drills

Bitesize for wider contextual links

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Learning content:

Students are taught 6 out of the 15 poems from the GCSE anthology. These have links with war and mental health and students have always engaged well with them. Students will approach the poems as though they are 'unseen' as this will enable them to successfully approach the skills required for paper 2 section C. There is a focus on learning the content and early revision activities that will help to embed the knowledge needed for the duration of the course. Students will then begin to build on their analytical skills from KS3 as they are exposed to modelling opportunities for enhancing their PETAL paragraphs.

Assessment Analytical paragraphs on a poem of choice (this mirrors the Warm Task from KS3 as students will prepare for it with their class teacher and plans will be developed before the I, We, You modelling technique.) Students will be given a mark out of 30 and detailed feedback in readiness for DIRT.

Literacy	Numeracy	British Values	Employability
Reading/writing skills	Charts for plotting	Respect	Research skills
Understanding form and	Counting beats and syllables	Tolerance	Critical thinking and
structure	Word frequency	Rule of law	application
Understanding implicit and	Surveys	Individual liberty	Information retrieval
explicit ideas	Venn diagrams		Knowledge application
SMSC	Cultural Capital	Character Education	Personal Development
Explore different beliefs	Historical fiction and	Understanding	Moral conscience
and experiences	context	Confidence (oracy)	Integrity
Reflecting	Classist society	Developing critical opinion	Worldly understanding
Appreciate diverse	Current affairs	Exploring emotional reaction to	Positive relationships
viewpoints	Notable poets	language	Ability to rationalise
		Mutual respect	

Autumn 2 – Knowledge Retr weeks) A Christmas Carol (P	ieval: An Inspector Calls (Paper 2 Section A 2 aper 1 Section B 5 weeks)	
Reading Structure Language Exploration of form Context Links	Writing PETAL development Academic verb choices	Home Learning Knowledge organisers to embed content from the relevant texts. Revision activities on linked quotations



Learning Content:

Students begin with a knowledge retrieval period of two weeks to review and secure learning of An Inspector Calls. This text was taught at the end of year 9 and the revision time will focus on a key character or theme. Students will demonstrate their knowledge through a range of revision tasks and there will be opportunities to develop skills. Students then begin to study A Christmas Carol. They draw on knowledge from their KS3 studies of context and meaning and apply this to an understanding of authorial intent. Students will track the characterisation of Scrooge and look into the structural components of the text. There are opportunities to link this to modern life and context and students will be encouraged to reflect on this.

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Bitesize for wider contextual links

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Assessment Paper 1 Section A exam style question. Students will be given a mark out of 30 and detailed feedback in readiness for DIRT.

Literacy	Numeracy	British Values	Employability
Reading strategies	Page, scene, act references	Understanding laws	Critical thinking
Critical thinking	Plot graph	Democracy	Time management
Reading different forms	Surveys	Individual liberty	Understanding personal
Higher level texts	Percentages	Understanding societal systems	and social responsibility
		Justice	Adopting new skills
SMSC	Cultural Capital	Character Education	Personal Development
Questioning morality	Prose over the centuries –	Ethical values	Confidence (oracy)
Challenging attitudes	life in the Victorian era	Moral judgement	Respect for others in the
Investigating ethical issues	British history	Analysis	community
Considering punishment	Political viewpoints	Access to a challenging	Rationality
and justice	Exposure to notable literary	curriculum	Questioning motives
Working with peers	texts in different formats	Desire to be a good person	Concentration



Spring 1 – Knowledge Retrieval: Power and Conflict Poetry (Paper 2 Section B 1 week) Power and Conflict Poetry New Material (2 weeks) Macbeth (Paper 1 Section A 3 weeks)

Reading

Structure Language Exploration of form Context

Links and Comparisons

Writing

PETAL development Academic verb choices Evaluation and verb choices

Learning Content:

Students begin with a knowledge retrieval period of one week to review and secure learning of the six poems they learnt at the start of the year. The subject teacher will choose one theme or thread that the students will focus on. Students will demonstrate their knowledge through a range of revision tasks and there will be opportunities to develop skills. Following this, students then continue to add to their knowledge by studying a further three poems. Comparative skills will be more rigidly introduced, and students will spend some time being asked to justify choices for the links that they have made.

Students then switch to start the final of the texts: Macbeth. Once again, they draw on knowledge from their KS3 studies of context and meaning and apply this to an understanding of authorial intent. Students will track the characterisation of Macbeth and Lady Macbeth and look into the structural components of the text. There are opportunities to link this to modern life and context and students will be encouraged to reflect on this. Motifs will be built on and knowledge from the Year 7 scheme will be developed.

Home Learning

Research tasks to explore social, economic, and personal values between the 19th and 20th Century.

Knowledge organisers to embed content from the relevant texts.

Revision activities on linked quotations

Early introduction to Quotation Drills

Bitesize for wider contextual links

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Assessment Paper 1 Section A exam style question. Students will be given a mark out of 30 and a mark out of 4 for SPaG and detailed feedback in readiness for DIRT.

Literacy	Numeracy	British Values	Employability
Reading/writing skills	T-Bar charts for comparison	Research to society	Forming opinions
Sophisticated vocab	Venn diagrams	progression between	Selecting and
Academic vocab	Rhythm and beat	centuries.	synthesising information.
Understanding implicit	Frequencies	Tolerance of others' beliefs	Working with others
and explicit information	Line references	Mutual respect,	Independence
		Individual liberty	Resilience
SMSC	Cultural Capital	Character Education	Personal Development
Exploring opinion	Awareness of different	Widening and shaping values.	Forming and becoming
Knowledge and respect	societies and cultures	Mental health awareness and	confident in strong
•		Mental health awareness and moral awareness.	confident in strong opinions.
of different faiths.		moral awareness.	•
of different faiths. Being reflective of own	Alternate political agendas Historical influence, different	moral awareness.	opinions.
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Spring 2 – Macbeth Continuation (Paper 1 Section A 3-4 weeks) Knowledge

Retrieval: A Christmas Carol (Paper 1 Section B 1-2 weeks)

Reading Writing

Structure PETAL development
Language Academic verb choices
Exploration of form Evaluation and verb choices

Context

Links and Comparisons

Home Learning

Knowledge organisers to embed content from the relevant texts.

Revision activities on linked quotations

Early introduction to Quotation Drills

Bitesize for wider contextual links

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Learning Content:

Students continue with the final of the texts: Macbeth. They draw on knowledge from their KS3 studies of context and meaning and apply this to an understanding of authorial intent. Students will track the characterisation of Macbeth and Lady Macbeth and look into the structural components of the text. There are opportunities to link this to modern life and context and students will be encouraged to reflect on this. Motifs will be built on and knowledge from the year 7 scheme will be developed. Students continue to refine their essay writing skills and pay particular attention to their SPaG.

Students then move to a knowledge retrieval period of two weeks to review and secure learning of A Christmas Carol. The subject teacher will choose one theme or thread that the students will focus on.

Assessment: Paper 1 Section A exam style question. Students will be given a mark out of 30 and a mark out of 4 for SPaG and detailed feedback in readiness for DIRT.

Literacy	Numeracy	British Values	Employability
Reading/writing skills	Comparison tables	Grasp of law and	Written communication
Analysis	Page/line references	expectations of society	Knowledge retrieval
Using academic verbs	Word frequencies	Respecting views and beliefs	Communicating ideas
Inference	Counting beats	of others	Interpretation
Developing ideas			Comprehension
SMSC	Cultural Capital	Character Education	Personal Development
Explore and form opinions	Awareness of influences in	Creating a strong opinion	Listening
Investigate moral issues	society	and identity	Valuing others
Communicate effectively	Notable writers	Integration	Empathy
with others	Understanding links between	Debating	Using moral judgement
Interpretations	texts and their contexts	Challenging	Rationalising



Summer 1 - Knowledge retrieval and PPE prep (Subject teachers might wish to consolidate learning from the text they feel students are the least confident with.) Linked learning will now begin to feature.

Reading Writing

PETAL development Structure Academic verb choices Language Exploration of form Evaluation and verb choices

Context

Links and Comparisons

Individual class teachers will set revision tasks as appropriate to support learning.

Home Learning

This can include past papers, model writing, quizzes via firefly and pre-selected YouTube

videos.

Learning Content:

Students will be given this time to be taught bespoke and tailored revision with their class teacher in preparation of their PPE Paper 1 examination in the following term (Macbeth and A Christmas Carol). Students will build their examination skills to answer questions on theme and/or character. They will need to show their knowledge of the texts and also of subject terminology and the impact of

Assessment To be confirmed and set by class teacher to support the PPE Exam in the following term. Low stakes assessments will be key during this half term so that students can build on knowledge-based learning.

Wider curriculum

Literacy	Numeracy	British Values	Employability
Reading strategies	Timings	Recognising diversity	Working under time
Reading and Writing skills	Page/line references	Respecting others' opinions	pressures
Inference	Frequencies	and beliefs	Dealing with stress
Formulating argument		Societal values	Editing and evaluating
Using academic verbs		Understanding rule of law	Writing skills
SMSC	Cultural Capital	Character Education	Personal Development
Social awareness	Accessing a variety of literary	Moral judgement	Independent revision
Exploring morality	texts	Mutual respect	Presenting an argument
Being creative	Exposure to world current	Using initiative	Confidence
Voicing opinion	events	Being objective	Awareness of audience
	Understanding of notable	Being challenged	Organisation
	writers and their works	Responding to feedback	Resilience

Summer 2 - First PPE Examination for English Language Paper 1

Reading Writing

PETAL development Section A, Paper 1 Structure Academic verb choices Language

Exploration of form

Context

Evaluation and verb choices

Learning Content:

Students will finalise their revision for Paper 1- Macbeth and A Christmas Carol. After the exam, students will receive tailored feedback and intervention to further develop their skills and learning.

Home Learning

-PPE Paper 1 revision as guided by class teacher. -Knowledge organisers to embed content from the relevant texts. -Revision activities on linked quotations -Early introduction to **Quotation Drills** -Bitesize for wider contextual link -AudioPi



Assessment PPE Exam Se	ason		
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Being creative	Exposure to world current	Using initiative	Confidence
Voicing opinion	events	Being objective	Awareness of audience
Being creative	Exposure to higher level	Being challenged	Organisation
	language	Responding to feedback	Resilience