

Chellaston Academy

English Year 11 GCSE English Literature Curriculum

Intent

We aim to deliver a Year 11 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 11 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 12 (or their next chosen pathway) 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 11 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) and in year 10. 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. At this stage in the course, students have covered nearly all of the examination content, so this year allows for them to secure that knowledge and to build on their skills for academic writing.

Links to future learning

The Year 11 English literature curriculum builds on and enhances the learning from year 10. Students will have explored all of 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 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 11 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

<u>Autumn 1 – Knowledge Retrieval: An Inspector Calls (Paper 2 Section A 4 weeks) Unseen Poetry and Comparison (Paper 2 Section C 3 weeks)</u>

Reading

Structure Language

Exploration of form Context Links Academic Writing

PETAL development Academic verb choices

Home Learning

Knowledge organisers to embed content from the relevant texts.

Revision activities on linked quotations

Quotation Drills

Bitesize for wider contextual links

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Learning content:

Students begin with a knowledge retrieval period of four weeks to review and secure learning of An Inspector Calls. This text was taught at the end of Year 9 and then students revisited it throughout year 10. Students will demonstrate their knowledge through a range of revision tasks and there will be opportunities to develop skills through essay writing and planning for a range of responses.

Students will then be exposed to a range of linked poems where they will work more independently on meanings and representations. Metacognitive strategies will be explored as students learn to track their way through an unseen text and will use reciprocal reading strands to approach the 'unknown'. 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 will look for similarities and differences in how methods are applied and will be taught how to write about this concisely and with precision. Links will be made to the GCSE English Language examination – Paper 2 Question 2

Students will need to revisit Macbeth as they stopped their learning half way through. They will return to the knowledge retrieval on An Inspector Calls as this has been a heavy focus of lockdown learning and face-to-face teaching and students appear to be quite confident with it. Students are at different stages with Macbeth so this will need to be carefully monitored. Some completed the reading and can do revision activities and essay writing whereas others need to learn Act 4 and Act 5.

Assessment Analytical paragraphs on An Inspector Calls. GCSE style examination questions on the Unseen Poetry and Comparison.

wider curriculum				
Literacy	Numeracy	British Values	Employability	
Independent revision	Charts for plotting	Understanding laws	Reading skills	
Language/word analysis	Page, scene, act references	Democracy	Writing in standard	
Confidence	Plot graph	Individual liberty	English	
Awareness of audience	Surveys	Understanding societal	Effective vocab	
Organisation	Frequencies	systems	Communication	
SMSC	Cultural Capital	Character Education	Personal Development	
Questioning morality	Historical fiction	Independence	Confidence	
Challenging attitudes	Current affairs	Resilience	Empathy	
Investigating ethical issues	Appreciation for notable	Responding to criticism	Being proactive	
Considering punishment	works of fiction throughout	Desire to improve	Time management	
and justice	history	Self-reflection	Decision making	
Working with peers	Contexts	Leadership	Respect for self	



Autumn 2 – Knowledge Retrieval: Power and Conflict Poetry (Paper 2 Section B 3

weeks) PPE Preparation: Paper 2

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.

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Learning Content:

Students will spend three weeks on creating detailed plans to show their understanding of the linked themes across the fifteen poems. If any remaining poems need to be taught, this is the time to do so but they are no longer taught in isolation. Students should be exposed to thinking across poems and not seeing them as a stand-alone poems with individual themes and language features.

Once the PPE is done and staff are marking it, students should be working on their knowledge retrieval practices. Subject teachers will encourage planning a core component and different methods continue to be modelled.

Detailed PPE feedback and DIRT to follow.

Assessment Paper 2 full PPE: An Inspector Calls, Power and Conflict Poetry, Unseen Poetry

Wider curriculum

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 context	Understanding	Moral conscience
and experiences	Classist society	Confidence (oracy)	Integrity
Reflecting	Current affairs	Developing critical opinion	Worldly understanding
Appreciate diverse	Notable poets	Exploring emotional reaction	Positive relationships
viewpoints		to language	Ability to rationalise



Spring 1 – Knowledge Retrieval: A Christmas Carol (Paper 1 Section B 2 weeks) Macbeth (Paper 1 Section A 2 weeks) WTMs

Reading

Structure Language Exploration of form

Context Links

Writing

PETAL development Academic verb choices Evaluation and verb choices **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

Quotation Drills

Bitesize for wider contextual links

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Learning Content:

Students revise themes and character analysis for the texts on paper 1. Subject teachers will know the areas of need and these will form the focus. Students will experience the WTMs and follow up work to this will then take place. Modelling is key from now on and students will be able to link modelled paragraphs to the mark scheme to ascertain how to achieve a certain band.

Planning will continue as a taught component and students will draw on revision techniques to start to allow for a form of blended learning between school and

Assessment Low stakes quizzing. WTM

Wider curriculum			
Literacy	Numeracy	British Values	Employability
Reading/writing skills	Use of T-Bar comparison	Societal progression	Forming opinions
Language change	charts	Monarchy	Selecting and
Language/word analysis	Venn diagrams	Societal changes	synthesising information
Comprehension	Plot structure	Tolerance of others' beliefs	Planning
Academic verbs	lambic pentameter	and viewpoints	Time management
SMSC	Cultural Capital	Character Education	Personal Development
Gender stereotypes	Awareness of changes in	Widening and shaping values	Forming opinions
Critical reading	society and culture	Desire to learn	Confidence
Creating own opinion	Attitudes towards gender	Debating	Resilience
Adaptability	Roles of a monarch	Challenging ideas	Time management
Differing viewpoints	Religion vs supernatural	Initiative	Managing stress

Spring 2 – Paper 1 PPE Prepa	<u>aration</u>	
Reading	Writing	Home Learning
Structure	PETAL development	
Language	Academic verb choices	Knowledge organisers
Exploration of form	Evaluation and verb choices	to embed content
Context		from the relevant
Links		texts.



Learning Content:

Students build on their knowledge and skills drive from the WTM and complete their PPE. Subject teachers will address any potential areas of need for students and a personalised approach will be key. Detailed feedback will be given, and DIRT will feature as a way of ensuring development.

Revision activities on linked quotations

Quotation Drills

Bitesize for wider contextual links

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Assessment PPE Paper 1: Macbeth and A Christmas Carol

Wider curriculum

Literacy	Numeracy	British Values	Employability	
Reading/writing skills	Tension graphs	Grasp of law and	Written communication	
Language change	Character graphs	expectations of society	Time management	
Language/word analysis	lambic pentameter	Education	Using initiative	
Comprehension	Rhyming couplets	Societal change	Critical thinking	
Academic verbs	Plot structure	Tolerance and respect	Study skills	
SMSC	Cultural Capital	Character Education	Personal Development	
Explore and form opinions	Awareness of influences in	Creating a strong opinion	Listening to and valuing	
Caring for vulnerable	society	and identity	others	
Family values	Education and religion	Active listening	Confidence	
Creating own viewpoint	Exposure to high level texts	Working effectively as team	Empathy	

Summer 1 –	Bespoke,	personalised	teaching	across the	two papers.
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Reading Writing

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

Context

Links and Comparisons

Home Learning

Individual class teachers will set revision tasks as appropriate to support

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 for their final examinations. 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 this.

Assessment GCSE Examinations: Paper 1 and Paper 2

Wider curriculum

Literacy	Numeracy	British Values	Employability
Reading strategies	Preparing for timed	Tolerance and respect for	Independence
Writing strategies	conditions	others' viewpoints	Revision
Academic verbs	Comparison tables	Understanding the law	Resilience
Using and analysing	Plot/character/tension	Democracy	Using standard English
effective language	graphs	Societal change	Comprehension skills
SMSC	Cultural Capital	Character Education	Personal Development
Morality	Understanding society	Desire to improve	Independent revision
Being creative	Historical contexts	Responding to feedback	Confidence
Being ethical	Key people	Working with others	Empathy
Listening to others	Exposure to high level texts	Growth mindset	Showing respect



Summer 2 –			Home Learning
Reading	Writing		
Learning Content:			
Assessment			
Wider curriculum			
Literacy	Numeracy	British Values	Employability
SMSC	Cultural Capital	Character Education	Personal Development