



English Language and Literature Year 12 Curriculum Overview

A Level English Language and Literature in Year 12 offers a clear skills progression from GCSE, allowing students to build on the skills and knowledge already gained and prepare for their next steps. Designed with a focus on the integration of language and literature, this curriculum option enables students to see how linguistic and literary methods are related and to explore these links in their work.

The breadth of this curriculum is balanced by positioning students to incrementally develop their understanding of these concepts, whilst also developing their own critical and analytical voices, drawing on literary criticism and using critical lenses to gain a rounded perspective on the range of modern literature and its exploration of the human condition in the modern world.

The variety of assessment styles used, such as re-creative writing, commentary writing, discursive essays and research-based investigative writing, allows students to develop a wide range of skills. These include the ability to read critically, analyse, evaluate and undertake independent research, which are invaluable for both further study and future employment.

Term/Length of Time	Outline Brief information about specific knowledge, skills and experiences the students will have	Assessment/Teacher Feedback Opportunities This should link to your G4Smarkbook	Homework and Literacy resources This needs to include compulsory and optional tasks Should include books as well as vocab/speaking/listening resources. These can either be optional or part of your SL.
Autumn 1	<p>The Paris Unit</p> <p>The aim of this unit is to begin to develop students' understanding of, and responses to non-fiction texts. Through this study students begin to understand notions of authorial voice, narrative technique and narrative structure. In it they develop a critical style and the ability to write analytically.</p> <p>Key Themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Paris for tourists ➤ The flaneur / female flaneur / ambulatory narrative ➤ Paris through the ages ➤ Paris for children 	<p>Assessment 1 - Compare and contrast how the writer of Text A and the speakers of Text B present experiences of visiting the Louvre. (Neither Here Nor There and Rick Steves' Walking Tour)</p> <p>Assessment 2 - Compare and contrast how the speakers of Text A and the writer of Text B express their ideas about food or drink in Paris. (The Sweet Life... and Eating in Paris)</p> <p>An example paper can be found here: https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/sample-papers-and-mark-</p>	<p>Minimum homework expectation - to be set on G4S</p> <p>360 minutes of compulsory homework per week that will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Planning essay questions ➤ Producing thematic revision notes ➤ Reading critical analysis to broaden students' breadth of understanding. ➤ Creating vocabulary lists ➤ Completing past exam questions ➤ Practice essay writing ➤ Producing revision notes and materials in preparation for examination. ➤ Completing NEA work ➤ Using Massolit https://www.massolit.io/ to further development and understanding of literary theories and textual understanding.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Visual narratives ➤ Recollections and memories: People and places ➤ New technologies ➤ Gastronomy: food and drink ➤ Paris and travel <p>During the study of this unit, students will have the opportunity to understand:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ the ways in which writers and speakers present places, societies, people and events ➤ the metaphorical nature of representation: the ways that narrative itself can sometimes be seen as a personal journey for writers and speakers ➤ the influence of contextual factors such as time period, race, social class and gender on the content and focus of narratives ➤ the affordances and limitations of different media ➤ different generic conventions and different purposes for communicating ideas and viewpoints about travel, people and place ➤ how people and their relationships are realised through point of view, 	<p>schemes/2021/november/AQA-77071-QP-NOV21-CR.PDF</p> <p>NB: This will not be the paper used in the assessments.</p> <p>The assessments will be marked based upon the following Assessment Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Assessment Objective 1: Apply concepts and methods from integrated linguistic and literary study as appropriate, using associated terminology and coherent written expression ➤ Assessment Objective 3: Demonstrate understanding of the significance and influence of the contexts in which texts are produced and received ➤ Assessment Objective 4: Explore connections across texts, informed by linguistic and literary concepts and methods 	<p>Optional homework tasks and resources:</p> <p>https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/english-revision/a-level-aqa/</p> <p>https://revisionworld.com/a2-level-level-revision/english-literature-gcse-level/english-literature-level-past-papers/aqa-level-english-literature-past-papers</p> <p>KS5 Revision Hub on Teams – a host of revision resources, revision videos, past papers, example questions and exemplar answers for both English Language and English Literature.</p>
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Autumn 2	<p>Poetic Voices This part of the subject content is concerned with the nature and function of poetic voice in the telling of events and the presentation of people. In studying the role of language in the construction of perspective, students explore and analyse:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ the presentation of time: understanding the past, reviewing past experiences, the manipulation of time ➤ the importance of place: locations and memories, the ways in which these are captured in voice(s) and their effect on individuals ➤ how people and their relationships are realised through point of view, attitude, specific registers, physical descriptions, speech and thought ➤ the presentation of events through the poet's selection of material, the use of narrative frames and other poetic techniques. 	<p>Assessment 1 To produce an extended written response on 'Valentine'.</p> <p>Assessment 2 To examine how Duffy presents places in her poetry: How does Duffy present places in 'Stafford Afternoons' and one other poem?</p> <p>An example paper can be found here: https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/sample-papers-and-mark-schemes/2021/november/AQA-77071-QP-NOV21-CR.PDF</p> <p>NB: This will not be the paper used in the assessments.</p> <p>The assessments will be marked based upon the following Assessment Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Assessment Objective 1: Apply concepts and methods from integrated linguistic and literary study as 	<p>Minimum homework expectation - to be set on G4S</p> <p>360 minutes of compulsory homework per week that will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Planning essay questions ➤ Producing thematic revision notes ➤ Reading critical analysis to broaden students' breadth of understanding. ➤ Creating vocabulary lists ➤ Completing past exam questions ➤ Practice essay writing ➤ Producing revision notes and materials in preparation for examination. ➤ Completing NEA work ➤ Using Massolit https://www.massolit.io/ to further development and understanding of literary theories and textual understanding. <p>Optional homework tasks and resources:</p> <p>https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/english-revision/a-level-aqa/</p> <p>https://revisionworld.com/a2-level-level-revision/english-literature-gcse-level/english-literature-level-past-papers/aqa-level-english-literature-past-papers</p>

	<p>Wider reading opportunities</p> <p>Deepening an understanding of Carol Ann Duffy’s poetic voice through reading a wider range of her poetry.</p>	<p>appropriate, using associated terminology and coherent written expression</p> <p>➤ Assessment Objective 2: Analyse ways in which meanings are shaped in texts</p>	<p>KS5 Revision Hub on Teams – a host of revision resources, revision videos, past papers, example questions and exemplar answers for both English Language and English Literature.</p>
<p>Spring 1 through to Summer 2</p>	<p>Imagined Worlds</p> <p>This scheme of learning is designed to equip students with a thorough understanding of the levels of linguistic analysis, applying these and literary analysis to a novel. In this part of the subject content, students explore the imagined world of the set text, which is characterised by unusual narratives, narrators and events. Students also consider key aspects of production and reception. Students analyse the language choices made by writers in order to study the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ point of view ➤ characterisation ➤ presentation of time and space/place ➤ narrative structure 	<p>Analytical responses to text (35 marks)</p> <p>Assessment 1: Week 5 – Constructing arguments</p> <p>Assessment 2: Week 6 – Consider the significance of identity in the novel</p> <p>An example paper can be found here: https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/sample-papers-and-mark-schemes/2021/november/AQA-77071-QP-NOV21-CR.PDF</p> <p>NB: This will not be the paper used in the assessments.</p> <p>The assessments will be marked based upon the following Assessment Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Assessment Objective 1: Apply concepts and methods 	<p>Minimum homework expectation - to be set on G4S</p> <p>360 minutes of compulsory homework per week that will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Planning essay questions ➤ Producing thematic revision notes ➤ Reading critical analysis to broaden students’ breadth of understanding. ➤ Creating vocabulary lists ➤ Completing past exam questions ➤ Practice essay writing ➤ Producing revision notes and materials in preparation for examination. ➤ Completing NEA work ➤ Using Massolit https://www.massolit.io/ to further development and understanding of literary theories and textual understanding. <p>Optional homework tasks and resources:</p>

	<p>Wider reading opportunities</p> <p>Further reading of dystopian literature and speculative fiction.</p>	<p>from integrated linguistic and literary study as appropriate, using associated terminology and coherent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Assessment Objective 2: Analyse ways in which meanings are shaped in texts ➤ Assessment Objective 3: Demonstrate understanding of the significance and influence of the contexts in which texts are produced and received 	<p>https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/english-revision/a-level-aqa/</p> <p>https://revisionworld.com/a2-level-level-revision/english-literature-gcse-level/english-literature-level-past-papers/aqa-level-english-literature-past-papers</p> <p>KS5 Revision Hub on Teams – a host of revision resources, revision videos, past papers, example questions and exemplar answers for both English Language and English Literature.</p>
<p>Spring 1 through to Summer 2</p>	<p>A Level Paper 2: Exploring Conflict. The Kite Runner: Writing about Society</p> <p>Students read and analyse <i>The Kite Runner</i> and then learn and practise the art of the recast and commentary.</p> <p>During the study of this text students will:</p>	<p>Assessment 1 To produce recast</p> <p>Assessment 2 To examine how Duffy presents places in her poetry: How does Duffy present places in ‘Stafford Afternoons’ and one other poem?</p> <p>An example paper can be found here:</p> <p>https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/sample-papers-and-mark-</p>	<p>Minimum homework expectation - to be set on G4S</p> <p>360 minutes of compulsory homework per week that will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Planning essay questions ➤ Producing thematic revision notes ➤ Reading critical analysis to broaden students’ breadth of understanding. ➤ Creating vocabulary lists ➤ Completing past exam questions ➤ Practice essay writing

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Explore areas of contextual significance for the novel ➤ Form an initial impression of the novel based on character and settings. ➤ Develop an understanding of character and narrative perspective of Amir. ➤ Track the significance of emerging metaphors and symbolism in the novel. ➤ Further interrogate how atonement is presented in the novel. ➤ Understand and interpret Hosseini’s use of the homodiegetic narrative structure. ➤ Evaluate the dramatic impact of the climactic scene of the novel ➤ Analyse the significance of the final scene in the novel ➤ Draw together the big ideas and impact of the novel as a whole. <p>Whilst undertaking this study, students begin to develop the following skills and concepts:</p>	<p>schemes/2021/november/AQA-77072-QP-NOV21.PDF</p> <p>NB: This will not be the paper used in the assessments.</p> <p>The assessments will be marked based upon the following Assessment Objectives:</p> <p>Assessment Objective 2: Analyse ways in which meanings are shaped in texts</p> <p>Assessment Objective 4: Explore connections across texts, informed by linguistic and literary concepts and methods</p> <p>Assessment Objective 5: Demonstrate expertise and creativity in the use of English to communicate in different ways.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Producing revision notes and materials in preparation for examination. ➤ Completing NEA work ➤ Using Massolit https://www.massolit.io/ to further development and understanding of literary theories and textual understanding. <p>Optional homework tasks and resources:</p> <p>https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/english-revision/a-level-aqa/</p> <p>https://revisionworld.com/a2-level-level-revision/english-literature-gcse-level/english-literature-level-past-papers/aqa-level-english-literature-past-papers</p> <p>KS5 Revision Hub on Teams – a host of revision resources, revision videos, past papers, example questions and exemplar answers for both English Language and English Literature.</p>
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