

Curriculum Overview – Year 10 English

Unit Title	Learning	How can parents best support?
Half Term 1		
English Literature Modern Drama: An Inspector Calls	Developing knowledge of JB Priestley and his work Developing knowledge of socialism and socialist views Developing knowledge of capitalism and capitalist views Developing knowledge of Edwardian England Learning about what it means to be accountable and responsible Learning about the importance of stage directions and how they influence an actor's performance Learning how language is used to create characters and convey themes in literature Developing memory strategies and learning key quotations Learning how to approach examination style questions Learning how to manage time effectively Developing study skills and revision strategies Developing a wide range of vocabulary	Talk to your children about their learning and support them with their quotation home learning tasks. Take a visit to the Museum of Liverpool Life and focus on the exhibits on the Suffragettes and The Titanic. Watch the film of The Titanic together and ask your child to explain to you how this links to their studies.



Half Term 2
English Literature A Christmas Carol Rewind

Developing knowledge of A Christmas Carol
Learning about Christmas in Victorian England
Learning about redemption and its meaning
Learning how to interpret language
Learning how writers use language to create characters
Developing knowledge of poverty in Victorian England
Learning about how writers use language to create
atmosphere
Developing memory strategies and learning key

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Learning how to approach examination style questions Learning how to manage time effectively Developing study skills and revision strategies Developing a wide range of vocabulary

quotations

English Language
Explorations in Creative Reading

Developing knowledge of a wide range of literary texts and titles

Developing knowledge of a range of linguistic devices
Developing knowledge of a range of literary devices
Learning how language is used to create impressions
Learning how to analyse language
Learning how to extract explicit information
Learning how to extract implicit information
Learning how to approach specific examination style
questions

Learning how to manage time carefully and effectively Developing a wide range of vocabulary

Talk to your children about their learning and support them with their quotation home learning tasks. Look out for adaptations of Dickens' work on the television and in film. This unit falls around Christmas time: watch an adaptation of this book over the holidays (the Disney version runs perfectly alongside the text).

Talk to your children about their learning and support them with their vocabulary home learning tasks. Your child will be reading extracts from a range of modern novels in class; encourage them to read whole texts independently at home too. Try reading a novel at the same time and discussing it with them. Join local libraries together and make regular visits, borrowing a range of books to engage your child in wider reading.



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English Literature Macbeth Developing further knowledge of William Shakespeare and his work

Developing knowledge of Macbeth

Developing knowledge of Shakespeare's language

Learning how to analyse themes in plays

Developing memory strategies and learning key

quotations

Learning how to approach examination style questions

Learning how to manage time effectively Developing a wide range of vocabulary

Developing a wide range of vocabulary

Developing study skills and revision strategies

Talk to your children about their learning and support them with their quotation home learning tasks. Look out for adaptations of Shakespeare's work on the television and in film. Contact local theatres to see if there are any productions of Shakespeare's work on and take a trip to the theatre to see a live performance. Visit The Globe in London or head to Stratford upon Avon to see where it all began for Shakespeare.

English Language Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives: Reading Developing knowledge of current affairs
Developing knowledge of a range of linguistic devices
Developing knowledge of a range of persuasive devices
Learning how language is used to influence readers
Learning how to analyse language
Learning how to extract explicit information
Learning how to extract implicit information
Learning how to approach specific examination style
questions
Learning how to manage time carefully and effectively

Talk to your children about their learning and support them with their vocabulary home learning tasks. Spend time together watching the news or current affairs shows like The One Show, Watchdog, The Andrew Marr show, Newsnight or Panorama. Discuss the issues raised with your child and help them to establish informed opinions. Read good quality newspapers and, again, discuss the issues raised. Watch Question Time and encourage your child to take an active interest in government and politics: locally, nationally and globally.



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English Language Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives: Writing Developing knowledge of current affairs

Developing knowledge of a range of writing styles and

purposes

Learn about how language is used to inform and

influence

Learning how to use language to address a range of

audiences

Learning how to use language to address a range of

purposes

Developing knowledge of issues that are relevant to

young people in today's society

Developing a wide range of vocabulary

Talk to your children about their learning and support them with their vocabulary home learning tasks. A child will become a better writer if they are exposed to good writing: read good quality newspapers and, again, discuss the issues raised. Time management is key in this part of the examination; encourage them and support them to complete timed examinations just before tea-time!



Half Term 5

English Literature Poetry Anthology: Love and Relationships Developing knowledge of a range of poems
Developing knowledge of a range of poems' social,
historical and cultural contexts
Learning how to analyse and interpret poetic language
Learning how to compare two literary texts
Developing memory strategies and learning key
quotations
Developing a wide range of vocabulary
Learning how to approach examination style questions
Learning how to manage time effectively
Developing study skills and revision strategies

Talk to your children about their learning and support them with their quotation home learning tasks. Your child will be studying a range of poetry in class: war, nature, power, loss, love, relationships, place, change, memories the thematic links are endless. Take a visit to the Imperial War Museum North in Salford to help bring their war learning to life; visit The Lake District and discuss William Wordsworth or take a trip to a National Trust garden or park to enhance their understanding of nature.

English Language Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives: Reading Developing knowledge of current affairs

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Developing knowledge of a range of persuasive devices

Learning how language is used to influence readers

Learning how to analyse language

Learning how to extract explicit information

Learning how to extract implicit information

Learning how to approach specific examination style

questions

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Developing a wide range of vocabulary

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Half Term 6

English Literature
Poetry Anthology: Power and Place

Developing knowledge of a range of poems
Developing knowledge of a range of poems' social,
historical and cultural contexts
Learning how to analyse and interpret poetic language
Learning how to compare two literary texts
Developing memory strategies and learning key
quotations
Developing a wide range of vocabulary
Learning how to approach examination style questions
Learning how to manage time effectively
Developing study skills and revision strategies

English Language Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives: Writing and Spoken Language Assessment Developing knowledge of the power of rhetoric
Learning how to use language to persuade
Learning how to use language to argue
Developing discussion skills and debate skills
Developing presentation skills
Learning how to verbally address a specific audience
Learning how to verbally address a specific purpose
Learning how to use pitch, tone and intonation to
influence listeners
Learning how to demonstrate effective listening skills
Knowledge of a topical issue or interest that is student
specific
Developing a wide range of vocabulary

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