

EPCHS English Department: Year 10 Programme of Study

The overall curriculum is intended to develop a love of English and reading, as well as expose students to different stories and contexts they would not otherwise have considered. We also wish to prepare students for the skills required at GCSE. Consequently, the structure of the curriculum has been designed so that there is clear progress from one year to the next. Each year the units build on the knowledge and understanding gained in the previous year. The intention is that by the time our students reach year 10, they have gained a deep body of knowledge of both literature and language, and developed skills that will enable them to access the GCSE course with confidence.

Year/Term	Unit of Work	Intent	Skills
Autumn 1	A Christmas Carol - Dickens	In this unit, students will study the plot, characters, relationships and themes of the novella. They will consider how the characters are used as constructs for Dickens to present his ideas. This unit also encourages students to make connections between the context of the novella and its content, and prepares them for responding to the essay question on A Christmas Carol in Paper 1 of the English Literature GCSE.	Reading Skills: Analysis of language and structure Writer's intention Link to context
Autumn 2	Language Paper 1 Section A Language Paper 1 Section B	Students will study of a variety of 20th and 21st century narrative texts preparing for their GCSE Paper 1 Language exam. They will gain understanding of what how writer's use language and structure to create plot, character and setting within a narrative. Alongside this, students will be taught how to write their own effective description and narratives, drawing on techniques they have seen Dickens use in his work. This will prepare students for Paper 1 Section B of the English Language GCSE.	Reading Skills: Analysis of language and structure Writer's intention Writing Skills: Vocabulary for effect Upgrade sentences Paragraphing Punctuation

Spring 1	An Inspector Calls	In this unit, pupils will gain an understanding of Priestley's play An Inspector Calls preparing for their GCSE Literature exam. They will gain understanding of what influenced Priestley at the time of his writing. They will analyse the characters within the play and their relationships, the structure of the play and have a sound knowledge of the plot.	Reading Skills: Analysis of language and structure Writer's intention Link to context
Spring 2	Language Paper 2 Section A Language Paper 2 Section B	Students will study a variety of 19th and 21st century non-fiction texts preparing for their GCSE Paper 2 Language exam. They will gain understanding of what how writer's use language and structure to develop a viewpoint within a text in preparation for English Language Paper. Alongside this, students will build on the work they did in Year 9 on transactional writing and look at how to present their own viewpoints within their writing. This will prepare them for Section B of English Language Paper 2	Reading Skills: Analysis of language and structure Writer's intention Comparison of texts Writing Skills: Vocabulary for effect Upgrade sentences Paragraphing Punctuation
Summer 1 and 2	Anthology Poetry: Power and Conflict	This unit will give pupils an understanding of how a variety of poets present power and conflict within their poems preparing for their GCSE Literature exam. They will gain understanding of what influenced the poets at the time of their writing. They will analyse the meaning, language, structure and themes within the poems and their relationships with the context they were written.	Reading Skills: Analysis of language and structure Writer's intention Link to context Comparison of text