

Key Stage 4

English



Overview

Students will begin study for external examination from the beginning of year 10.

Qualifications offered:

- GCSE English Language (WJEC)
- Level 1 and 2 Functional Skills English (GCSE equivalent)
- Entry Level English (Pre-GCSE level)

Students will begin the formal qualification process in November of Year 11 and will be given opportunities to sit Entry Level and Levels 1 and 2 Functional Skills English examinations. This allows students to achieve qualification or to re-sit papers and gain confidence in the examination process. GCSE English Language is offered to all students and is taken in the Summer of Year 11.



Year 10



Half Term 1

Crime

What is youth crime and what should be done about it?
Writing to argue a point of view and reading to select and interpret information from a range of non-fiction texts.

Half Term 2

Danger

How are dangerous places and situations portrayed?
Narrative writing: describing a setting.
Reading and analysing a range of texts about real and fictional places.

Half Term 4



Animal Allies 1

Wildlife encounters, the good and the grizzly.
Writing to inform, explain and entertain.
Reading to analyse the way that writers portray animals in non-fiction texts.

Half Term 3

Heroes and Villains

How do writers build a character?
Creating a picture of a person in writing.
Reading to track and analyse the structure, language and content of narrative texts.

Year 11



Half Term 5

Animal Allies 2

Animals at risk. How do we persuade humans to be kinder to creatures?
Exploring a range of texts which hope to bring about change.
Analysing how writers influence opinion through emotive language and content.

Half Term 6

What's the story?

Exploring the main features of short stories and narratives.
Reading to compare the plot and characterisation in a range of narrative texts.
Planning and writing stories which take place within a set time frame.

Half Term 2

People and Places

Honing examination skills for both Functional Skills and GCSE.
What works for you?
Exploring different approaches to both reading and writing examination tasks with a focus on texts which describe people or places.



Half Term 1

Exam Strategies 1 - Prepare

Exploring the exams.
What are we asked to do and how do we gain marks?
Writing exam techniques: understanding the task, planning and editing.
Implementing a range of reading strategies for Functional Skills tasks.

Half Term 3

Agree or Disagree

Writing to argue a specific point of view.
Understanding and expressing viewpoints, from a range of people within society.
Reading to analyse writers' use of persuasive language, techniques and structure, with a focus on texts which feature a range of social issues.

Half Term 4

Exam Strategies 2 - Perfect

Personalised Practice - Aiming for GCSE:
- Perfecting the writing process
- Strategies for effective analysis of texts
- Adding detail
- Planning for a limited time frame
- Effective editing technique

