

EPCHS English Department: Year 11 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.

Interleaving:

In English in Year 11, students follow an interleaved structure to their lessons. We have, by this stage, covered all the content that students need for their Literature GCSE course and so we work through all the topics for this GCSE and the skills for the English Language GCSE on a two week cycle. This allows students to constantly remember the key ideas for each text, making final revision easier, and also ensures there is an even balance across the two GCSEs in this final year of the course.

Unit of Work	Intent
Macbeth	In this unit, students will study the plot, characters, relationships and themes of the play. They will consider how the characters are used as constructs for Shakespeare to present his ideas. This unit also encourages students to make connections between the context of the play and its content, and prepares them for responding to the essay question on Macbeth in Paper 2 of the English Literature GCSE.
Poetry Anthology: Love and Relationships	Students will study the 15 poems on the theme of love and relationships in the AQA anthology. To give pupils an understanding of a variety of poets present love and relationships 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.
Unseen Poetry	This unit will develop students' confidence with their exploration of poems they have not seen before. They will explore a variety of poems on different topics and from different eras. This unit will support students in answering the unseen poetry question on the Paper 2 English Literature examination. It will build the analytical and comparative skills required to succeed at this question.

<p>English Language Paper 1</p>	<p>In this topic, pupils will gain experience 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. They will then use these skills to develop their own effective narrative or description.</p>
<p>English Language Paper 2</p>	<p>This unit will give pupils experience of 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. They will then use these skills to develop their own effective transactional writing.</p>