



Y11 Learning Journey 2025 - 26. Subject: English Language GCSE and English Literature GCSE

Exam Requirements: Your GCSE in English Language is structured, and examined, in the following way:

Paper One: 1 Hour 45 Minutes	Paper Two: 1 Hour 45 Minutes	Spoken Language NEA:
Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing 15 minutes reading time is recommended at the start of the exam Section A: Reading (responding to 4 questions on an unseen text) (40 marks; 45 minutes) Section B: Writing to Describe or Narrate (40 marks; 45 minutes)	Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives 15 minutes reading time is recommended at the start of the exam Section A: Reading (responding to 4 questions on two unseen texts which are thematically linked but written in different eras) (40 marks; 45 minutes) Section B: Writing to Present a Viewpoint (40 marks; 45 minutes)	You will deliver a 5-10 minute prepared presentation on a topic of your choice (with teacher guidance and support), and you will be questioned on this briefly after your presentation. You will receive a Pass, Merit or Distinction which will appear on your exam certificate.

Exam Requirements: Your GCSE in English Literature is structured, and examined, in the following way:

Paper One: 1 Hour 45 minutes	Paper Two: 2 Hours 15 Minutes
Shakespeare and the Nineteenth Century Novel 15 minutes reading time is recommended at the start of the exam Section A: 'Macbeth' – this is an extract-based question which will require you to demonstrate knowledge of the whole text (30 marks plus 4 marks for AO4*; 45 minutes) Section B: 'A Christmas Carol' – this is an extract-based question which will require you to demonstrate knowledge of the whole text (30 marks; 45 minutes) *AO4 assesses the following skills: use a range of vocabulary and sentence structures for clarity, purpose and effect, with accurate spelling and punctuation.	Modern Texts and Poetry Section A: EITHER 'An Inspector Calls' OR 'Telling Tales' Anthology (30 marks plus 4 marks for AO4*; 45 minutes) – you are given a choice of 2 questions Section B: Power and Conflict poetry (30 marks; 45 minutes) – one named poem will be printed on the exam paper and you will compare it to a poem of your choice from the Power and Conflict poems Section C: Unseen Poetry – you are required to answer both questions: 1. 24 marks; 30 minutes 2. 8marks; 15 minutes

Overview of the Year:

Week Beginning	The focus of your learning or revision this week:	Key assessment pieces or specific homework tasks (including deadlines of any coursework/NEAs)
08/09/25	Spoken Language Presentations (NEA)	Follow set homework timetable for English Y11

15/09/25	Spoken Language Presentations (NEA)	
22/09/25	Complete study of poetry/modern text; Lang Paper 1 skills	Paper 1 Lang Section B Assessment (45 mins)
29/09/25	Complete study of poetry/modern text; Lang Paper 1 skills	
06/10/25	Complete study of poetry/modern text; Lang Paper 1 skills	
13/10/25	Complete study of poetry/modern text; Lang Paper 1 skills	
20/10/25	Complete study of poetry/modern text; Lang Paper 1 skills	
Half Term		
03/11/25	Lit Paper 2 Revision and unseen poetry skills; Lang Paper 1 skills	
10/11/25	Lit Paper 2 Revision and unseen poetry skills; Lang Paper 1 skills	
17/11/25	Lit Paper 2 Revision and unseen poetry skills; Lang Paper 1 skills	
24/11/25	Assessment Week One – Lang Paper 1 and Lit Paper 2	
01/12/25	A Christmas Carol Revision; Lang Paper 2	
08/12/25	A Christmas Carol Revision; Lang Paper 2	
15/12/25	Assessment Week 1 Feedback	Improvement work on exam skills
Christmas Break		
05/01/26	Lit Paper 2 Revision (Macbeth and ACC); Lang Paper 2	
12/01/26	Lit Paper 2 Revision (Macbeth and ACC); Lang Paper 2	
19/01/26	Lit Paper 2 Revision (Macbeth and ACC); Lang Paper 2	
26/01/26	Lit Paper 2 Revision (Macbeth and ACC); Lang Paper 2	
02/02/26	Lit Paper 2 Revision (Macbeth and ACC); Lang Paper 2	
09/02/26	Lit Paper 2 Revision (Macbeth and ACC); Lang Paper 2	
Half Term		
23/02/26	Lit Paper 2 Revision (Macbeth and ACC); Lang Paper 2	
02/03/26	Assessment Week Two – Lang Paper 2 and Lit Paper 1	
09/03/26	Return to Lang Paper 1 skills; Lit Paper 2 revision	
16/03/26	Return to Lang Paper 1 skills; Lit Paper 2 revision	
23/03/26	Return to Lang Paper 1 skills; Lit Paper 2 revision	
30/03/26	Assessment Week 2 Feedback	Improvement work on exam skills
Easter Break		
20/04/26	Final revision of all set texts and English Language exam skills	
27/04/26	Final revision of all set texts and English Language exam skills	
04/05/26	Final revision of all set texts and English Language exam skills	
11/05/26	GCSEs Start	

Exam Practice:	Revision Materials: We advise that you use the following revision materials:
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<p>You can find past papers to help support your revision and develop your exam technique here:</p> <p>www.aqa.org.uk</p> <p>AQA 8700 GCSE English Language Teaching English (wordpress.com)</p>	<p>G:\English\KS4 Y11 Homework Timetable and Resources – look in Group Directories for the weekly revision timetable and other useful resources.</p> <p>Follow the weekly revision timetable for specific tasks which are all designed for exam success</p> <p>Complete past papers and focus on the skills required for each question</p>
<p><u>Glossaries: Where to find them:</u></p> <p>Vocabulary lists to support your revision can be found here:</p> <p><u>G:\English\KS4 Y11 Homework Timetable and Resources</u></p> <p>30 Verbal language features (wordpress.com)</p> <p><u>All the revision booklets we provide have glossaries of key words for you to learn and use</u></p>	<p><u>Advice and Guidance for Revision</u></p> <p>Keep up with the weekly revision homework tasks as this will make sure you cover all the requirements for both GCSEs.</p> <p>Re-read the set texts as often as possible. Watch film versions and listen to audio versions online.</p> <p>Read a range of non-fiction regularly (e.g. newspapers, magazines, biographies, autobiographies).</p> <p>Complete past papers and make sure you answer every question. Use mark schemes to assist you with understanding how to respond and what a good response looks like.</p>