

Curriculum information for English Year 10

Which exam board and course are used?	AQA
What curriculum topics are being covered this year?	Language: Paper 1 and Paper 2- Creative writing, writing to argue, analysis skills, comparison skills, summary skills, SPaG. Literature: AQA Poetry anthology, <i>A Christmas Carol</i>, <i>Lord of the Flies</i>.
How many exams have students got and what is covered in each one?	Language: Paper 1 in January and Paper 2 in the summer term. Literature: Assessments each term on the set texts, <i>A Christmas Carol</i> in January, Poetry in April.
What should students be focusing on?	Analytical skills and reading skills. Practice papers for English Language. Revision for literature texts to understand characters, plot, themes, and the effects of the writers' techniques. Making detailed notes.
What is the best way for parents to support students in this subject?	• Testing them on quotations from key texts. • Making sure all homework tasks are complete. • Read through the Walking Talking mock scripts to help them time each question for the language papers. • Guide them through the activities in revision booklets provided by the English Department. • Providing opportunities for students to work quietly at home.
What websites and resources would be helpful? What wider reading would be helpful? Where can I get resources?	• BBC Bitezise. • Seneca. • Spark notes • Youtube- Mr Bruff's Channel • CGP and Collins revision guides. • York Notes. • Teams revision resources provided by class teachers
Have previous students got any tips or advice for this subject?	"Make notes and quotation banks throughout the year rather than all at the end. Make revision cards as you go as there is no time in Year 11." "Your class notes are really important when it comes to revision so make sure you catch up on them if you miss a lesson."