

English

Year 10

Year 10 is the formal start of the GCSE curriculum. In Year 10 we will be building on the skills pupils have been developing throughout their time at Dean Trust Ardwick with a more focused approach to exam skills and routine. There is also a recognition and separation of the different GCSEs in this year; pupils will be sitting both a Language and a Literature GCSE incorporating four GCSE exams at the end of Year 11. Throughout the year, pupils will be vigorously assessed through mock exams (in the Main Hall which will mirror their real GCSEs) and through in-class assessments. Pupils will be taught a variety of purposeful revision strategies to prepare them for their mock exams.

In Year 10 pupils will be studying the following GCSE texts (which will all be examined at GCSE):

- ***A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens**
- ***An Inspector Calls* by J.B Priestley**
- **AQA Power and Conflict Poetry Anthology**

Pupils will also be studying narrative and descriptive writing throughout the year, alongside the skills they need for Language Paper 1. Pupils will be reading and engaging in a wide range of fiction and non-fiction texts.

English Language:

50%: Explorations in creative reading and writing

Pupils will be given an unseen piece of fiction and are required to answer four analytical questions on this. They will then be given an image as stimulus and asked to write a piece of creative description or a story.

50%: Writers' viewpoints and perspectives

Pupils will be given two pieces of unseen non-fiction and are required to answer four questions on these. They will then be asked to write a non-fiction style piece of discursive writing based on their argument and opinion of a statement.

English Literature:

40%: Shakespeare and the 19th –century novel

Macbeth and *A Christmas Carol* study

60%: Modern texts and poetry

An Inspector Calls, AQA Poetry Anthology and Unseen Poetry.

Year 10 Spoken Language

In Term Three pupils will be planning and performing a poetry related presentation in line with AQA specifications. This counts as the Spoken Language element of their Language GCSE, and is an important part of their final GCSE outcomes.

Year 11:

In Year 11 pupils will complete the content of the course and move on to revising for their examinations. Pupils throughout the year will be guided in their revision both in class and out of class. They will also be prepared for vigorous and purposeful sets of mocks throughout the year to enhance their chance of success in their real exams. Pupils, each week, will be given a timed, formal essay to complete in class, the results of this will be shared with them and vital feedback given to ensure continuous development throughout the year.

Extra-Curricular

Weekly extracurricular activities in English include Debate Club, Homework Club and Creative Writing Club. In addition to this, the English Faculty will be running GCSE booster sessions for our Year 11 Pupils in the lead up to their examinations. To further enhance the curriculum, throughout each year educational theatre visits, studio tours, and cultural development trips are offered to pupils.