

English

Year 10

Year 10 is the formal start of the GCSE curriculum. In Year 10 we will be building on the skills students 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; students will be sitting both a Language and a Literature GCSE incorporating four GCSE exams at the end of Year 11. Throughout the year, students will be vigorously assessed through mock exams (in the hall which will mirror their real GCSEs) and through in-class assessments. Students will be taught a variety of purposeful revision strategies to prepare them for their mock exams.

In Year 10 students 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**

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

English Language:

50%: Explorations in creative reading and writing

Students 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

Students 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 students 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.

Extra-Curricular

Weekly extracurricular activities in English include Debate Club, Homework Club, Aiming for Grade 9 GCSE Club and rehearsals for the end of year Shakespeare performance. To further enhance the curriculum, throughout each year educational theatre visits, studio tours, and cultural development trips are offered to pupils.