

# English Curriculum Guide

## Year 11

| What will my son learn?  |   |   |
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| <b>Autumn term</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Macbeth (Literature)</li><li>• Revision of Paper 1 (Language)</li></ul> | <b>Spring Term</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Revision of Modern Prose and Drama – <i>An Inspector Calls</i> (Literature)</li><li>• Revision of Paper 2 (Language)</li><li>• Revision of Poetry – Power and Conflict, Unseen</li></ul> | <b>Summer Term</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Revision of 19<sup>th</sup> Century Novel – <i>Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde</i> <u>or</u> <i>The Sign of Four</i> (Literature)</li><li>• GCSE Exams x 4</li></ul> |

### How will my son be assessed?

- You son will be assessed by 4 external exams in the summer series.

#### English Language

Paper 1: Explorations in creative reading and writing

Section A: Reading

Section B: Writing

Paper 2: Writers' viewpoint and perspectives

Section A: Reading

Section B: Writing

#### English Literature

Paper 1: Shakespeare and the 19<sup>th</sup> Century Novel

Section A: Shakespeare (Macbeth)

Section B: 19<sup>th</sup> Century Novel (The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde OR The Sign of Four)

Paper 2: Modern Texts and Poetry

Section A: Modern Prose or Drama (An Inspector Calls)

Section B: Poetry (Power and Conflict)

Section C: Unseen Poetry

Your son will study the **AQA English Language (8700) and AQA English Literature (8702) Specifications.**

### How can I support my son with English?

- The most important thing you can do to support your son in English is to encourage his independent reading at home. Reading a wide range of texts – novels, non-fiction, newspapers and magazines – will infinitely help your son access the texts he studies at school and the exams he will take. Reading little and often is paramount to ensure your son has the ability to sustain his concentration over a period of time, build up his vocabulary and observe good writing practices.
- When your son has homework, look over it. Encourage him to write more and to complete it before the due date. Leaving a day before the work is due can help in the revision process.
- There are a number of revision guides available in newsagents and online. These revision guides should be used throughout the course, and not before the exams.
- Working hard in class, stretching himself and trying his best every lesson will ensure exam success. This is a two year course and it cannot be understood / remembered at the end of Year 11. It must be worked at over time.

