



St Benedict's Catholic School

The Catholic Secondary School for West Suffolk

ENGLISH CURRICULUM GUIDE 2016

Year 10 Autumn Term

All students study the Edexcel GCSE in English Language (2015) and the Edexcel GCSE in English Literature (2015).

English Language: students begin their study of Transactional Writing, developing their understanding of different forms of writing and texts developed for particular purposes and audiences, and the study of 20th and 21st Century non-fiction texts. Students will develop their skills in approaching unfamiliar material alongside skills of inference and quotation analysis.

English Literature: students will study a Shakespeare text in depth taken from the authorised list approved by the exam board.

Assessment: An initial language assessment will take place in class at the beginning of the term; a class assessment will be undertaken at the end of October/beginning of November focusing on the studied Shakespeare text (Literature paper 1: Section A).

Students will undertake practice written tasks for both English Language and English Literature throughout the year.

English department policy is that homework should evolve from on-going work in class. This can be reading, writing, revision, or research which will prepare students for future lessons.

Year 10 Spring Term

English Language: Students' focus moves to the study of 19th Century fiction extracts looking at more formal registers and language styles followed by the developing of their skills in imaginative writing

English Literature: students begin their study of a modern text taken from the authorised list approved by the exam board.

Year 10 Summer Term

English Language: students consolidate their writing skills in preparation for their end of term assessment, English Language Paper 2. Students will also complete the Spoken Language Endorsement element of the GCSE requirement.

English Literature: students begin the study of their 19th Century novel (this will continue over the summer and into Year 11). They will also undertake revision for their end of term assessment. After their end of term exams, they will begin the study of their poetry anthology alongside the novel.

ASSESSMENT: the end of term assessment for English in Year 10 will comprise Literature Paper 1: sections A and B, Shakespeare and the Modern Text. In English Language students will complete Language Paper 2, Sections A and B, 20th and 21st Century Non-fiction and Transactional Writing.