

Year 12/13 - Programme of Study 2020-21 AQA GCSE English Language

Autumn 1 1 st Sept 7 teaching weeks	Autumn 2 2 nd Nov 7 teaching weeks	Spring 1 4 th Jan 6 teaching weeks	Spring 2 22 nd Feb 6 teaching weeks	Summer 1 19 th April 6 teaching weeks	Summer 2 7 th June 7 teaching weeks
<p>Overview/Revision of Paper 1 (Questions 1-5)</p> <p>Overview/Revision of Paper 2 (Questions 1-5)</p> <p>Use AQA Teaching Packs (within these there are practice exam papers which can be used for assessments)</p> <p>Assessments: Sections A & B Papers 1 & 2</p>	<p>Paper 1 Section B Writing to describe and writing to narrate</p> <p>Paper 2 Section B Writing to argue and writing to express (promote) a point of view</p> <p>(Year 13 students with outstanding Functional Skills Level 2 units to revise/practise for January Functional Skills exams series)</p> <p>Assessments: Writing Section B Papers 1 & 2</p>	<p>Paper 1 Section A Reading (Questions 1-4)</p> <p>Paper 2 Section A Reading (Question 1-4)</p> <p>Assessments: Reading Section A Papers 1 & 2</p>	<p>Paper 1 Section B Writing – including technical accuracy and planning</p> <p>Paper 2 Section B Writing – including technical accuracy and planning</p> <p>Assessments: Writing Section B Papers 1 & 2</p>	<p>Paper 1 and 2 revision Paper 1 (Questions 1-5)</p> <p>Paper 2 (Questions 1-5)</p> <p>Assessments: Sections A & B Papers 1 & 2</p>	<p>Year 12 students – An introduction to Functional Skills in English (Level 2)????</p> <p>Year 13 will have finished/be on study leave TBC</p> <p>Assessments: Functional Skills Level 2 Reading & Writing Papers</p>
<p>Assessment 1 w/c: 12th October 2020</p> <p>Marks due: 21st October</p>	<p>Assessment 2 w/c: 15th November 2020</p> <p>Marks due: 29th November</p>	<p>Assessment 3 w/c: 18th January 2021</p> <p>Marks due: 1st February</p>	<p>Assessment 4 w/c: 1st March 2021</p> <p>Marks due: 15th March</p>	<p>Assessment 5 w/c: 3rd May 2021</p> <p>Marks due: 17th May</p>	<p>Assessment 6 w/c: 21st June 2021</p> <p>Marks due: 5th July</p>
	<p>2nd November 2020 GCSE English Language Paper 1 (am)</p> <p>4 November 2020 GCSE English Language Paper 2 (am)</p>	<p>12th January 2021 FS English – Reading (am)</p> <p>12th January 2021 FS English – Writing (am)</p>	<p>24th February 2021 FS English – Reading (am)</p> <p>24th February 2021 FS English – Writing (am)</p>		<p>7th June 2021 GCSE English Language Paper 1 (am) TBC</p> <p>10th June 2021 GCSE English Language Paper 2 (am) TBC</p>

Rationale for course content and sequencing:

Course content:

- Extensive use of AQA GCSE English language Papers 1 and 2 teaching packs (all new material for all students) to alleviate previous issue of many students having already attempted past examination papers either in Year 10 and 11 lessons or in the GCSE examinations (June and/or November series)
- Equal teaching time allocated to both papers and each section within the papers
- As there are 2 teachers delivering the course to one group this year (2020-2021) for ease of teaching and clarity for students, one teacher is delivering Paper 1 skills only and the other Paper 2 skills only
- All extracts are accessible, linked to appropriate themes and are comparable in length and difficulty with the extracts used in the AQA examinations
- Students will be given question-by-question revision lessons in Autumn 1 covering all 10 questions/tasks they will tackle in the November examination. The aim is to refresh and re-familiarise students with the GCSE examination format and examination timings, technique, marking criteria and expectations. They will be provided with additional practice papers to work on independently in preparation for the November series examinations

Sequencing:

- Covering all examination questions/tasks (roughly 1 lesson per question/task) in Autumn 1 ensures that students are refreshed and ready for the November series examination
- In Autumn 2 – whilst awaiting November examination results (14th January) – the focus shifts to writing both creatively and as well as non-fiction texts (to promote an opinion/argue) – which will develop essential skills for either the GCSE/functional skills qualifications
- Year 13 students in Autumn 2 will prepare for their FS Level 2 units to be sat in January
- Year 12 will continue to focus on GCSE writing skills solely – until the November results are published
- For the remainder of the year, for the remaining students who do not secure a grade 4 or above in November, equal time will be spent on both GCSE papers with 6 formal assessments (Spring 1, Spring 2 and Summer 1) to monitor student progress before the summer GCSE examination
- Assessments will all be GCSE examination style questions/tasks to provide reliable and robust data on students' performance levels