

Making the Grade in English Year 10 into Year 11 2015/2016



What is coming up for our students?



- IGCSE English – early May
- English Literature Modern Texts – late May
- English Literature Poetry – late May
- AQA English Language – early June

IGCSE Year 11: The Year Ahead



- Autumn 1: completing Assignments 1 and 2; exam rehearsal
- Autumn 2: language exam preparation ahead of PPE 1 (mock exam). Begin revising modern literature texts
- Spring 1: revision of literature poetry, speaking and listening and language exam skills
- Spring 2: speaking and listening presentations; exam preparation ahead of PPE 2 (mock exam)
- Summer 1: exam preparation for both Language and Literature

IGCSE assignments



Component 4 Coursework Portfolio (Core and Extended)

50 marks

Candidates submit three assignments, each of 500–800 words.

This component is assessed by the teacher and moderated by Cambridge.

This component is eligible for grades A–G and is worth 40% of the total marks. **

Students are currently completing Assignment Three reading and writing assessed

Upon return to Varndean in Year Eleven, students will finish Assignments 1 and 2 (writing skills assessed)

What is coming up for IGCSE students?

Component 5 Speaking and Listening Test (Core and Extended)

Approx. 10–12 minutes

30 marks

There is no question paper. Candidates conduct an individual task and take part in a discussion.

All candidates are recorded during the administration period.

This component is assessed by the teacher and moderated by Cambridge.

This component is eligible for grades A–G and is worth 20% of the total marks. **

Students present on a topic of their choosing for at least four minutes

They then respond to questions asked by the listener

Assessed end of March/early April

IGCSE Exam



- Tests reading and writing skills – May 2016
- Core paper = 1 hour 45 minutes (C-G)
- Extended paper = 2 hours (A*-E)

- Students are encouraged to bring 3 different coloured highlighters to this exam and several pens

AQA Year 11: The Year Ahead



- Autumn 1: language exam rehearsal
- Autumn 2: exam rehearsal PPE1 and revision of literature modern texts
- Spring 1: revision of literature poetry, literature modern texts and language exam skills
- Spring 2: language exam preparation ahead of PPE 2 (mock exam)
- Summer 1: exam preparation for both Language and Literature

AQA English Language Exam



- Tests reading and writing skills

Unit 1: Understanding and producing non-fiction texts

External examination 60% of the total GCSE marks	2 hours 15 minutes	80 marks
Section A: Reading 30% of the total GCSE marks		40 marks
Section B: Writing 30% of the total GCSE marks		40 marks

AQA Literature – all students



- Students have completed a controlled assessment comparing Lady Macbeth to a selection of characters from poetry in lessons
- This makes up 25% of the overall Literature grade

Literature – Modern Texts Exam



- Exploring Modern Texts exam -

Unit 1: Exploring Modern Texts		
External examination 40% of the total GCSE marks	1 hour 30 mins	68* marks
Section A: Modern prose or drama 20% of the total GCSE marks	45 mins	34 marks
Section B: Exploring cultures 20% of the total GCSE marks	45 mins	34 marks

‘An Inspector Calls’ by J.B. Priestley **or** ‘Lord of the Flies’ by William Golding

‘Of Mice and Men’ by John Steinbeck

Students answer one question on each of the two texts that they have studied in lessons.

Literature – Poetry Exam



- Poetry Across Time exam

Unit 2: Poetry Across Time		
External examination 35% of the total GCSE marks	1 hour 15 mins	54 marks
Section A: Poetry cluster from the Anthology 23% of the total GCSE marks	45 mins	36 marks
Section B: Responding to an unseen poem 12% of the total GCSE marks	30 mins	18 marks

A question on one of the fifteen poems in the anthology 'Moon on the Tides' based on the theme of character and voice.

A question on an unseen poem.

IGCSE and AQA Holiday Revision



- Reading a novel (see website for recommended reading list)
- Reading a newspaper
- Discussing an article with an adult
- Watching documentaries, especially travel documentaries
- Reading non-fiction writing, such as autobiographies and travel writing

Past Papers and Markschemes



IGCSE English Language (Specimen Papers 2015)

<http://www.cie.org.uk/programmes-and-qualifications/cambridge-igcse-english-first-language-uk-0522/past-papers/>

AQA English Language (4705)

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-language-4705/past-papers-and-mark-schemes>

AQA English Literature (9715)

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-literature-9715/past-papers-and-mark-schemes>