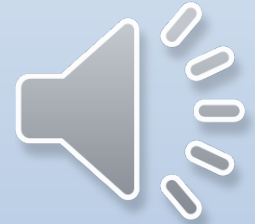


Year 10 Staggered Entry English Literature

What does this mean?

- Year 10 students will take their GCSE English Literature exams in June 2021, towards the end of Year 10



The GCSE Literature exams are:

- Paper 1: An Inspector Calls + A Christmas Carol
- Paper 2: Macbeth + Unseen Poetry

Why are we doing this?

- **There is evidence that entering students for GCSE English Literature in Year 10 leads to better outcomes**
- This evidence comes from one of our Trust schools in Exeter
- **This school reported a significant positive impact on student wellbeing.** Students found revision easier to manage because they were only preparing for one subject. They felt better prepared for the experience of multiple exams in Year 11. Success in a real GCSE in Year 10 was a confidence boost for the following year.



Sit the exam whilst teaching is still fresh in your mind

The GCSE Literature texts are taught in Year 9-10. In Year 11, we teach GCSE English Language... **but** you have to keep remembering the plot and quotes of the literature texts you studied a year ago.

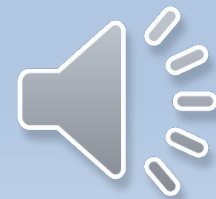


By sitting English Literature in Year 10, you can draw on recent teaching and essay practice. Then, if you're successful, English Literature is done – one less exam to take in Year 11.

Done 

Gain exam experience

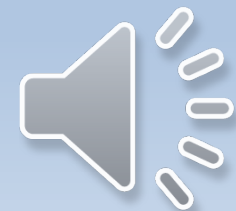
- Preparing for, and sitting one single exam subject in Year 10 is an **apprenticeship** into public exams
- You will only be preparing for a single GCSE in Year 10, which makes the experience less stressful
- The prospect of multiple exams in Year 11 becomes less daunting. You know what to expect AND **you know that you can be successful.**



2021 has an additional benefit

- Students sitting GCSE English Literature in 2021 will have to study **one less text** than other years
- Usually, students study four units. For English Literature in 2021, you only have to study three texts.
- Our Year 10 students will not need to study the Poetry Anthology for GCSE English Literature

(Please note that this is different to our Year 11 students. 'An Inspector Calls' is the Year 11 'dropped' text)



What if I don't get the grade I wanted?

- It will be possible to resit the exam in Year 11
- We will meet the needs of any student who needs to take GCSE English Literature in 2022
- **We strongly encourage our Year 10 students to give the 2021 exam their best shot.** In Year 11 you will have all of your other GCSEs to manage as well!



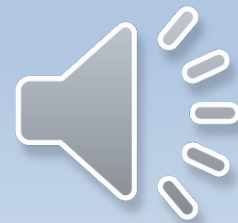
What is there is another lockdown and schools have to close?

- The wellbeing and mental health of our students is our priority
- In the event of another lockdown where schools close, the decision regarding Year 10 English Literature will be kept under review
- We have not substantially altered our curriculum this year to make Year 10 exam entry possible. The Literature texts always form our Year 10 curriculum.
- We have nothing to lose by going forward with Year 10 exam entry in mind



We believe you can do this

- We know that our Year 10 students are **motivated** and **hard working**
- We have a curriculum plan designed to give you exam practice and cover everything you need to know
- Your English teachers are excited to work with you and help you to achieve your very best



How can I learn more?

- Details of a virtual Q&A session to follow soon
- Please contact Mrs Goode, Head of English, with any questions or to discuss anything to do with English.