

January 2018

Dear parent/carer

Year 10 progress to date

I am writing to inform you of the progress made by year 10 students regarding their English Language and English Literature GCSEs. As previously informed, recent changes in WJEC English GCSE specification in Wales and early entry has resulted in a change of teaching topics and examinations. All students will be studying English Language in year 10 and year 11. The majority of students will be studying English Literature in year 10 and year 11.

Below you will find an outline of both courses and upcoming assessments.

English Language

Unit 1: Recorded speaking and listening to be completed in school.

Task 1: Recorded Individual Presentation (10%) **Students have already completed this task.**

Task 2: Group Discussion (10%) **To be completed in year 11 (November 2018).**
Pupils to have WJEC stimulus material a week before the task and must conduct their own research on the topic.
The discussion should take around 10 minutes per group.

Unit 2: Description / Narration / Exposition 2 hour exam in June 2019 (Year 11)

Section A: Reading 1 hour.

Section B: Writing 1 hour to write one piece of writing.

Unit 3: Argumentation, Persuasion and Instruction 2 hour exam in June 2019 (year 11)

Section A: Reading 1 hour.

Section B: Writing 1 hour to write two pieces of writing.

As a result, year 10 have already completed 10% of their English Language GCSE. The remaining 90% will be completed in year 11. All English Language exams will be taken in June 2019.

English Language	To be completed in year 10	To be completed in year 11
Unit 1- Task 1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Unit 1- Task 2		November 2018
Unit 2- Exam		June 2019
Unit 3- Exam		June 2019

English Literature

Unit 1 – Prose and Poetry 35% (2 hour exam) Exam date 22nd May 2018.

Section A: Novel Study

Section B: Unseen Poetry comparison.

Students will study *Of Mice and Men* or *To Kill a Mockingbird* text to be able to answer



Section A of the exam. Students will need to closely analyse an extract from the text and then write an essay on one of the characters or themes in the text.

Section B will be an unseen poetry comparison. Students will have to read two poems they will not have studied in class and write a comparison essay.

Unit 2 – Drama and Prose text 40% (2 hour exam in year 11) Exam date **May 2019**.

Unit 3 – Controlled assessment 25%. To be completed under exam conditions in the classroom over two years.

Section A: Shakespeare thematic essay. **Date to be confirmed**

Students will study an entire Shakespearean play and will have two hours to complete an essay on one of the key themes within the play.

Section B: Welsh Writing Assessment. **To be completed WC 29th January 2018**

Students will study 15 thematically linked Welsh poems and will need to write a poetry comparison essay.

Year 10 Key dates:

- **29/01/18 English Literature Unit 3 section B:** Students will be completing a poetry comparison essay under exam conditions in school.
- **22/05/18 English Literature Unit 1:** Prose and Poetry Exam

In order to support students with their English Literature exam on **22nd May 2018** lessons from February to May will be dedicated to studying their core text (Of Mice and Men or To Kill a Mockingbird) and a variety of poetry.

As a result, by May 2018 we hope that year 10 would have completed 47.5% of their English Literature GCSE. The remaining 12.5% of Unit 3 and 40% Unit 2 will be completed in Year 11.

English Literature	To be completed in year 10	To be completed in year 11
Unit 1- Exam	22nd May 2018	
Unit 2- Exam		Summer 2019
Unit 3- Section B Poetry	WC 29th January 2018	
Unit 3- Section A Shakespeare		TBC

I would appreciate it if you would discuss the dates with your child and encourage them to work to their full potential during these vital years. Please encourage them to read the core text and study a variety of poetry.

Please feel free to contact us if you wish to discuss this further.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Glover