

**Curriculum Overview:**

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Sept 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2013 – Oct 16 <sup>th</sup>	Nov 4 <sup>th</sup> – Dec 20 <sup>th</sup>	Jan 6 <sup>th</sup> 2014 – Feb 14 <sup>th</sup>	Feb 24 <sup>th</sup> – Apr 4 <sup>th</sup>	Apr 22 <sup>nd</sup> – May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	June 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Jul y 22 <sup>nd</sup>
8 Weeks	7 Weeks	6 Weeks	6 Weeks	5 Weeks	8 Weeks
Reading An Inspector Calls  Speaking and Listening Presentations	English Language GCSE Exam skills for the reading paper.  English Language Mock exam.	Descriptive writing coursework	Directed writing skills for the reading paper  Novel – Of Mice and Men	Writing to argue coursework  Speaking and Listening presentations.	Writing skills and coursework redrafting.  Reading paper skills.  English Language Mock exam.

**Homework & Assessments Overview:**

**Assessments**

- The two pieces of coursework students complete in year 10 count for 30% of the English Language GCSE.
- Speaking and Listening assessments will count for 20% of the English Language GCSE.
- There is either a mock exam assessment or a coursework assessment at the end of every half term, which is graded.

**Homework:**

- Students should be completing at least 1 hour of homework per week for English.
- Students should be reading challenging novels and passing a quiz on Accelerated Reader every two weeks.

**Useful Websites:**

Websites for English Language:

- [www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize)
- [www.theguardian.com](http://www.theguardian.com)
- [www.bbc.com/news](http://www.bbc.com/news)
- [www.debate.org](http://www.debate.org)

Websites for English Literature:

- [www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize)
- [www.sparknotes.com](http://www.sparknotes.com)
- [www.shmoop.com](http://www.shmoop.com)

**Practical tips / activities for parents to support learning at home:**

- Encourage your child to read a wide range of texts, including novels, newspapers and poetry.
- You can support your child in their speaking and listening by discussing a range of topics with them, and encouraging them to speak in full, developed sentences.
- Encourage your child to redraft and improve their writing and to make sure they are spending the full hour on their homework, producing high quality work.