

**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> – July 22 <sup>nd</sup>
8 Weeks	7 Weeks	6 Weeks	6 Weeks	5 Weeks	8 Weeks
Language IGCSE Reading Exam preparation  Conflict Poetry for Literature	Assignment 3 English Language coursework.  Conflict poetry for literature	Speaking and Listening Assessments	Language IGCSE Reading Exam preparation  Literature revision.	Language IGCSE Reading Exam preparation	

**Homework & Assessments Overview:**

**Assessments**

- The third piece of coursework for 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.

Year 11 English involves a variety of tasks such as:

- reading and summarising news articles
- exploring Shakespeare’s use of language in Macbeth
- practicing grammar skills
- preparing for written coursework tasks
- Reading and interpreting poetry

## **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.