

## **Overview of Year 11 English Curriculum**

Year 11 pupils continue their *GCSE* studies as part of a two year entry scheme for both English Language and Literature with the aim of improving their grades by either attempting Higher level entry, re-sitting Foundation entry or preparing for A level studies. During Year 11 they will complete the following activities and coursework:

1. Redrafting and improving the quality of coursework
2. Examination preparation for English Language Papers 1 & 2 (Higher Level).
3. Examination preparation for English Literature Paper 1. (Higher Level).

Alternatively pupils can prepare for and sit alternative or extra English qualifications to broaden their knowledge in preparation for AS and A2 study. Pupils will begin to acquire the necessary skills for AS English Language and Literature in the sixth form. These further studies will be dependent on *GCSE* grades.

## **Homework**

Homework is set each week. The type of homework set varies. Most homework will be geared towards preparation for coursework assignments or the completion or redrafting of coursework pieces. Specific homework's and revision activities will also be set to help pupils prepare for all three examination papers.

## **Examinations/Key assessments**

Pupils are continuously assessed in English through classroom participation and classwork/homework completion. In addition pupils are encouraged to self assess their coursework using target grades and pupil friendly grade explanations for each unit of work. Pupils are assessed in speaking and listening, reading and writing in line with the WJEC syllabus.

Completed English language coursework counts towards 40% of the final grade with two examination papers making up the remaining 60%. English Literature coursework counts towards 30% of the final grade with one examination paper making up the remaining 70%.

## **How Parents can Help**

- Check that homework/coursework is recorded in your son's planner
- Check that his coursework is completed
- Help him when learning spellings through revision and testing
- Provide him with a pocket dictionary that is small enough to bring to lessons
- Check that your son has at least a pen and his books for lessons