

Overview of Year 9 English Curriculum

Year 9 pupils begin their *GCSE* studies towards a two year entry for English Language at Foundation level.

During Year 9 they will complete the following activities and coursework:

1. Creative writing coursework
2. Persuasive writing coursework
3. A Study of Shakespeare coursework
4. Poetry form Other Cultures coursework
5. an individual spoken assessment
6. A group spoken assessment
7. A paired spoken assessment

Year 9 is used to complete the work required for English Language entry and acquiring the skills needed for Literacy study.

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.

Examinations/Key assessments

Pupils are continuously assessed in their English through classroom participation and classwork/homework completion. Additionally pupils are encouraged to self assess their work using target levels and pupil friendly level 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%.

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