

Welcome to Year 10 English



You will get two separate GCSE qualifications during your time in English. Here at WBS, we start preparing your GCSE skills from Year 7. Everyone will sit the same GCSEs as there aren't 'tiered' papers in English. This means that everyone has the same opportunities to achieve the best results possible. We will use a range of texts (plays, novels, poems, articles etc) to develop your reading and writing skills in both qualifications.

Homework is not pre-set in English. Your teachers will set it to support, develop and consolidate your classwork. You might be asked to complete research, develop vocabulary, learn spellings, read a book, compare poems, revise terminology etc. You should have between 3 - 5 hours of English homework each half-term. On top of the formal homeworks set, all students should be reading for 15 minutes every day. This could be a novel, travel guide or a quality newspaper... whatever interests you! Please see the suggested reading list for ideas.

Assessment and Feedback

You will be formally assessed at the end of each half term with a GCSE task. Your teacher will provide you with a GCSE mark and targets on how to improve. You will be given some time (either in class or at home) to act on your feedback and you will be expected to show how you have improved your work in light of your teacher's feedback. There will also be opportunities for peer and self assessment within each half term. At the end of Year 10, there will be a full English Language mock exam.

Classwork

Books are periodically checked by staff to ensure that they are well presented, organised and that classwork is produced to a good standard. Formative and summative feedback is provided on every assessment and mock. Your teacher may choose to set subsidiary assessments.

English Language

Paper 1: Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing (50% of GCSE)

Paper 2: Writers' viewpoints and perspectives

(50% of GCSE)

English Literature

Paper 1: Macbeth and A Christmas Carol (40% of GCSE)

Paper 2: Animal Farm, Power and Conflict poetry and unseen poetry

(60% of GCSE)