

GCSE English Language & Literature

Year 10

Unit 1: Context & Meanings:

- Poetry anthology
- Writing Skills: creative & non-fiction
- PPE: mock exam: 1 hr 30 mins: **Wed 7.4.27 P1 & 2**
- External GCSE Exam: 1 hr 30 mins: **Wed 12.5.27 8:30am**

Unit 2: Belonging:

- Novel Study: *Boys Don't Cry* by Malorie Blackman
- **NEA: Written [coursework]: Essay linked to novel on the theme of Belonging**
- **Essay: 3 hours planning and preparation, 2 hours writing time. 750-1000 words.**
Mon 7.12.26 P 5 & 6; Wed 9.12.27 P1 & 2

Unit 3: Influence & Power:

- Non-fiction anthology
- **NEA: Oracy: Group Discussion exam**
- **Group discussion: 3 hours preparation and planning; groups of 3; 1 given text from anthology & 1 free choice of text from anthology to discuss. No audience. Video recorded. June/July 2027 - dates to be confirmed in May 2027**
- **For Oracy exams:** pupils will be withdrawn from their normal lessons to go to a separate room and complete the set task.
- **For written NEAs:** pupils will be in normal classrooms but under exam conditions.

This is a 2 year course and is worth 2 GCSE grades.

In Yr 11 there will be 2 external exams, 1 written NEA piece on a Shakespeare play and 1 oracy exam [a paired discussion]

More detail on topics & dates will be given at the end of Yr 10.