



Carleton Community High School

A Specialist Science with Mathematics School



GCSE English & English Literature

All students will complete a GCSE in English Language and English Literature.

Year 10: Controlled Assessments

Four written pieces make up 40% of the grade in **English Language** and 25% in **English Literature**.

English Language

- Two Creative Writing pieces 15%
- One Extended Reading essay (responding to a text studied in class) 15%
- One Spoken Language essay (analysing how spoken language is used) 10%

English Literature

- One essay which asks them to make links between a play by Shakespeare and another text 25%

Year 11: Exam Preparation

English Language

Understanding and producing non-fiction texts

This exam makes up the other 60% of the English Language grade.

Section A

Students have to answer questions on three unseen non-fiction texts. This section tests reading skills. 30%

Section B

Students will produce two pieces of writing, testing their ability to effectively use a wide range of writing skills. 30%

English Literature

Exam: Exploring Modern Texts

This exam makes up 40% of the English Literature Grade.

Section A: Exploring Cultures

An essay question on '**Of Mice and Men**' by John Steinbeck

Section B: Modern Prose or Drama

An essay question on '**An Inspector Calls**' by J B Priestley

Exam: Poetry Across Time

This exam makes up 35% of the English Literature Grade.

Section A: Poetry cluster from the anthology

Responding to a cluster of poems they have studied from the English Anthology

Section B: Responding to an unseen poem

An essay on an unseen poem.

**Mock Exams will take place in January 2015 for English Language.
Final exams will be taken in the summer of 2016.**

Additional Support

Students will be offered a range of additional support:

- Plus One sessions after school (focusing on key areas)
- Morning intervention sessions (during registration)
- One-on-one support with class teacher/English Co-ordinator
- Catch up sessions
- Individual/group sessions with English Mentor

Home Learning

Students will be set weekly homework to consolidate work covered in class. There are also links on the English page of the school website to help students make progress. These include:

- Past papers
- Podcast revision activities
- 'Iamlearning' exercises

What can parents do to help in this subject?

Encourage your child to read a range of different texts at home and spend time discussing them. Keep an eye on developments on the school website and encourage attendance at all extra sessions.

Any queries/concerns, please contact Mrs B Eddy.