



Carleton Community High School

A Specialist Science with Mathematics School



GCSE English Language/English Literature English Only

English Language/English Only MOCK EXAMINATION: END OF NOVEMBER 2014

After half term, all students will be revising exam skills in preparation for the mock exam. The results of these exams will determine what tier your child sits in the final exam. All students should be using their revision guides/Year 10 mock feedback sheets to help them revise at home.

All controlled assessments (40%) should be completed by Christmas.

The Exam

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%

For those sitting English Language/English Literature:

Following the mock, students will be completing the Literature course up until February half term. Students will then complete a Literature mock exam. March onwards will be devoted to revision for both exams

English Literature

Exam 1: 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 2: 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.

For those sitting English only:

Students completing the English Only course are not entered for English Literature GCSE. These students will spend the time following the mock completing new pieces of controlled assessment /revising their exam skills.

Controlled Assessments

Five written pieces make up 40% of the grade in **English**.

- Two Creative Writing pieces 20%
- Three *short* essays (responding to texts studied in Year 10) 20%

The 60% examination is the same as the Language exam.

Final Exams

Literature: 18th May 2015

Literature: 22th May 2015

Language: 2rd June 2015

Additional Support

Students will be offered a range of additional support:

- Plus One sessions *every* Thursday 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 tasks to consolidate work covered in class. They should also be revising their exam skills using targets set in class/revision guides. There are 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. Buy the revision guides available from school – see Mrs Eddy for more details.

Any queries/concerns, please contact Mrs B Eddy.