



Faculty of English Film and Media

Autumn 2013 Team

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How the English GCSEs break down...

Year 10 (Internal CA)

U1 Lang: English Today 20%
 U3 Lang: Spoken Word 20%
 U3 Lit: Drama 25%

Year 11 (External exam)

U1 Lit: Prose 50%
 U2 Lit: Poetry 25%
 U2 Lang: Writer's Voice 40%

Ongoing over 2 years

U3 Lang: Speaking and
 Listening 20%

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Looking forward

The first year of GCSE study is drawing to a close for our year 10 students who have completed 3 sets of Controlled Assessments. We are delighted that many students have exceeded their target grades and are in a great position to begin their examination preparation in September.

For the small minority of students who haven't completed their work, arrangements will be made for them to finish their pieces after school in the Autumn term. It is important that this is done in September so students can then fully



Matt Male aims high at the Summer Games

concentrate on the examined texts. All teachers will begin with the Edexcel Poetry Anthology - all students will be provided with their own copy in which to make notes and annotate.

As you may have heard through your children, classes in September will be organised differently, with each group being of a broadly similar ability. This is a very exciting opportunity for us as a teaching team as we can target the texts we use much more specifically (in light of changing exam specifications) and also address the changing needs of our students. We have also been able to significantly reduce the number of split teaching classes; this complements the schemes of learning for the external exams which is our exclusive focus for the coming year.

What texts do I need to purchase for Year 11?

Each student will study 1 text for the Language exam and 2 texts for the Literature exam. These exams will be sat in the Summer term of 2014. Students will need to purchase a copy for which they are completely responsible. They will use this copy in class to annotate as well as revise with and re-read at home. In the exam they will be provided with a 'clean' (unannotated copy) to refer to.

Please refer to your child's English class (En) when they receive their timetable* to see which 3 texts they need to purchase: (eg. a student in 11Y1 will study, and need to purchase, *Heroes*, *Pride and Prejudice* and *To Kill a Mockingbird*)

The following texts are available from college for £5 each

Hound of the Baskervilles by Arthur Conan Doyle: 11X2;11Y2;11Z1;11Z2
Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck 11X2;11X3;11Y2;11Y3;11Y4;11Z2;11Z3;11Z4
Heroes by Robert Cormier: 11X3;11Y1;11Y3;11Y4;11Z1;11Z3;11Z4
Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen: 11Y1

The following texts should be purchased independently

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee —required edition is Heinemann 1966
 ISBN:978-0-435120-96-2: 11X2;11Y1;11Y2;11Z1;11Z2
Animal Farm by George Orwell—required edition is Heinemann 1972
 ISBN:978-0-435-12165-5: 11X3;11Y3;11Y4;11Z3;11Z4

^ For students in receipt of free school meals, the Faculty will supply the appropriate texts at no charge

* Please note that students who are taking the English GCSE (the 'single English' route) in 11X4 will be contacted separately