Faculty of English Film and Media

English Autumn Bulletin

Year 10 English students have now completed their first set of controlled assessments for English Language, which equals 20% of the final grade. Teachers will be marking the work over the next couple of weeks with results available for the students at the end of the month.

There may be some movement of students between classes following the analysis of results. This is done if both student and teacher feel that progress and achievement will be accelerated in a teaching environment more suited to their individual needs.

The next piece of work focuses on spoken language and many students will get the opportunity to do some creative writing as part of their assessment.

How you can help

From time to time students may bring their folders or books home to complete work, do their homework, or in preparation for controlled assessments. Ask your child to show you their work and you can discuss the progress they are making towards their targets. The student handbooks clearly explain how students can progress into the next grade.

Year 11 are coming to the end of their first Literature unit, *Understanding Poetry*, in preparation for the Summer 2014 exams. All students should now have bought their next text ready to begin studying for the *Understanding Prose-Literary Heritage* exam, also in the Summer. Students studying the longer texts will have been set homework to read for the past few weeks, ready for study in class. Details of which classes are studying which texts along with useful study guides are available on our website.

Although we are moving onto novels, students will, from time to time, be set poetry essays as homework to make sure that their skills continue to be developed. It is essential that students carefully read the feedback comments from their teachers and use the advice to improve.

From March 2014 until the exams we will be offering specialist revision sessions covering both Literature exams and the Language exam, further details will follow nearer the time.

With only about 20 teaching weeks left until the English exams, students need to be working consistently hard in order to achieve their full potential. Happily, this is the case with the majority of our students!

Thinking of A Levels??

The Faculty currently offers A Levels in the following subjects:

- ***Literature***
- ***Language & Literature***
- ***Film***
- ***Media***
- ***Creative Writing***

All of the subjects are taught by specialists within the Faculty, with a highly successful track record of results and student voice feedback.

Study at AS level is a big leap from GCSE, but most students positively embrace the challenge of study at a higher level and benefit from being taught by teachers who already know them and their individual strengths and areas for development.

Following on from the Post 16 open evening, encourage your child to talk to us if they are expressing an interest in one of our subjects. Later in the year we will offer students the chance to sit in on lessons and experience first hand what A Level lessons are really like and talk to current AS students.

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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 60%

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