

**Year 10 Curriculum Explained**

In Year 10, students will complete their AQA English Literature GCSE curriculum, which intends to train excellent analysts of Literature texts. This means that they will be able to:

1. Understand the plot and characters/personas in a range of texts: novels, poetry and plays
2. Write responses to the texts using their own opinions and judgements
3. Understand character development/changes
4. Track key themes across the texts
5. Understand and evaluate writers’ methods; analysing language, form and structure of each text and their intended effect
6. Understand the social, cultural and historical contexts of each text and how these factors influenced the writer’s choices
7. Make links across the text(s), using multiple references from across the texts
8. Understand how to analyse an unseen poem
9. Compare two poems together through their themes, language, form, structure and intended meaning
10. **Learn and be able to recall key quotes/references across the texts**

Over the course of the year, students will study:

* AQA Poetry – Power and Conflict Anthology <https://www.kingsdownschool.co.uk/images/documents/KO_English_-_Poetry_KO.pdf>
* William Shakespeare’s Macbeth

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* Robert Louis Stevenson’s Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde

<https://www.kingsdownschool.co.uk/images/documents/KO_English_-_Jekyll_and_Hyde_KO.pdf>

* J.B Priestley’s An Inspector Calls

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