**English Language**

Course Description

This course is designed to be taken over two years with all assessments taken at the end of the course. The course will require students to: read fluently and write effectively. They should be able to demonstrate a confident control of Standard English and they should be able to write grammatically correct sentences, deploy figurative language and analyse texts.

In their writing, students should learn how to: write effectively and coherently using Standard English appropriately; use grammar correctly; and punctuate and spell accurately. Students will work hard to acquire skills in applying a wide vocabulary, alongside a knowledge and understanding of grammatical terminology, and linguistic conventions for reading, writing and spoken language.

Assessment

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| **English Language** | **AQA** | Paper 1 | 105 mins | Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing | Written Exam | 50% |
|  |  | Paper 2 | 105 mins | Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives | Written Exam | 50% |
|  |  |  |  | Non Exam Assessment | Spoken Language | 0% |

**English Literature**

Course Description

This course is designed to be taken over two years with all assessments taken at the end of the course. The course will be co-taught with GCSE English Language. Student will therefore greatly benefit from the transferable skills learnt across the two subjects. All assessments are closed book and are also be compulsory.

The study of GCSE English Literature aims to support students’ achievement in an untiered, closed book context through the use of extract-based questions in the assessment of the 19th-century novel and the Shakespeare plays. The teaching and studying within this course will therefore take a skills-based approach that is consistent across the genres. The course offers excellent preparation for AS and A-level English Literature, as well as giving students a grounding in a wide variety of literature that will stay with them for life. The following genres will be taught and assessed: a Shakespeare play, the 19th-century novel; a modern text, which may be prose or drama and poems from a chosen anthology cluster. Students will also be taught how to respond to the unseen poetry task.

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| **English Literature** | **AQA** | Paper 1 | 105 mins | Shakespeare and the 19th Century Novel | Written Exam | 40% |
|  |  | Paper 2 | 135 mins | Modern Texts and Poetry | Written Exam | 60% |

**Year 10**

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| **Subject:**  English Language and  English Literature | **Exam board:**  AQA English Language A  AQA Certificate in Literature |  |
| **Key stage 4 / year group: Year 10** |
| **Course length: 2 Years** |
| **Number of lessons per week: 4** |
| **HOD:** Elaine Nelson  enelson@brit.croydon.sch.uk |
| **Term 1 Topic and Content:**  **AQA English Language Paper 1**  In this term, students focus on Paper 1 of the English Language examination. They work on gaining skills in: information retrieval, summarising, analysis of how structure and language provide meanings. | **Term 2 Topic and Content:**  In this term, Students are taught to analyse the Drama text ‘An Inspector Calls’ Students explore social, moral, cultural and literary and dramatic contexts. | **Term 3 Topic and Content:**  **AQA English Language:**  Focus: Exam practise, wide reading and poetry analysis related to the poems about Power and Conflict. |
| **PHSE links and links to other subjects:**  Campaigns and charity leaflets analysed.  Moral, social issues in set texts. For example, ‘An Inspector Calls’ –exploration of gender issues and feminism. | **Assessments and grading:**  Each term all students will sit a timed Mock Exam in class. This will be based on the material/unit which has been covered in the term.  The work will be graded on Levels 9-1. | |
| **Homework topics:**  Research  Wide critical reading  Timed essay practise | **Recommended reading / websites;**  *(Include CPG revision / workbook where available)*  *Set Texts – ‘Macbeth’, ‘An Inspector Calls’, Poetry Anthology- Power and Conflict.*  *BBC Bitesize.*  *CPG for AQA*  *School Revision resource Cambridge* | **Clubs, extra-curricular, revision sessions available:**  **GCSE English Intervention classes-**  Begin Term 2 to and last until the end of the GCSE English examinations. Classes take place on Tuesdays from 3.45pm to 5.00pm. |

**Year 11**

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| **Subject:**  English Language and  English Literature | **Exam board:**  AQA English Language  AQA English Literature |  |
| **Key stage 4 / year group: Year 11** |
| **Course length: 2 Years** |
| **Number of lessons per week: 4** |
| **HOD:**  Elaine Nelson  enelson@brit.croydon.sch.uk |
| **Term 1 Topic and Content:**  **AQA English Language**  **Term 1 Topic and Content:**  **AQA English Language Paper 2**  In this term, students focus on Paper 2 of the English Language examination. They work on gaining skills in: comparative study, summarising, analysis of how structure and language provide meanings. | **Term 2 Topic and Content:**  **AQA English Literature:**  **Text: *Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde* by** Stevenson.  Focus: Analysis of text regarding the ways form, structure and language give meanings in relation to elements of the gothic. | **Term 3 Topic and Content:**  **AQA English Language**  **AQA English Literature**  Close analysis of poems from the AQA Poetry Anthology –Power and Conflict.  In class Mock exam regarding English Language and English Literature papers. |
| **PHSE links and links to other subjects:**  Campaigns and charity leaflets analysed.  Moral, social issues in set texts. For example, ‘An Inspector Calls’ –exploration of gender issues and feminism. | **Assessments and grading:**  Each term all students will sit a timed Mock Exam in class. This will be based on the material/unit which has been covered in the term.  The work will be graded on Levels 9-1. | |
| **Homework topics:**  Research  Wide Critical reading  Essay practise | **Recommended reading / websites;**  *(Include CPG revision / workbook where available)*  *Set Texts – ‘Macbeth’, ‘An Inspector Calls’, Poetry Anthology- Power and Conflict.*  *BBC Bitesize.*  *CPG for AQA*  *School Revision resource Cambridge* | **Clubs, extra-curricular, revision sessions available:**  **GCSE English Intervention classes-**  Begin Term 2 to and last until the end of the GCSE English examinations. Classes take place on Tuesdays from 3.45pm to 5.00pm. |