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*English Language and
Literature IGCSE*

Curriculum



Cambridge IGCSE 0990 & 0992

Introduction

This document outlines what students will learn in their IGCSE English Literature and Language course in Years 10 and 11. The course follows the Cambridge IGCSE English Literature (0992) and English as a First Language (0990) syllabuses and is designed to develop students' ability to read, write, and communicate effectively. The course will facilitate students to develop a strong understanding of English language and literature, preparing them for further studies and the world beyond school.

Peter Howell, English Teacher

Aims

The main goals of this course are to:

- Develop students' love of reading and appreciation of literature; we want students to enjoy exploring different types of books and stories.
- Improve students' writing skills, including grammar, punctuation, and spelling by writing clearly, effectively, and creatively.
- Enhance students' ability to understand and analyse texts using critical thinking and forming their own opinions.
- Build students' confidence in communicating effectively in both spoken and written English. Students will develop confidence in speaking and listening.

What The Student Will Learn

English Literature

Students will study a range of literary texts, including poetry, drama, and prose. These will be based on set texts defined by the exam board. They will learn to analyse these texts in depth, considering themes, characters, language, and structure. Students will explore a variety of classic and modern texts, including:



- Poems: They will learn to understand and appreciate the beauty and meaning of poetry.
- Plays: Students will explore the world of drama and learn about character development and plot.
- Novels: They will develop their ability to follow complex storylines and understand characters in depth.

Through these texts, students will learn about different literary techniques, themes, and historical contexts

English Language

Students will develop their writing skills through a variety of tasks, such as essays, reports, and creative writing.

This part of the course focuses on:

- Writing: Students will learn different writing styles, such as essays, reports, and creative writing.
- Reading: They will develop their understanding of different text types, like articles, advertisements, and speeches.
- Grammar and punctuation: Students will learn the rules of English grammar and how to use punctuation correctly.
- Speaking and listening: We will help students build confidence in expressing their ideas and understanding others.

How We Teach the Course

We use a variety of teaching methods to make learning engaging and effective:

- Reading and analysis of texts – students will learn how to break down texts and understand their meaning.
- Creative writing tasks – we encourage students to express themselves through writing.
- Group discussions and debates – students will share their ideas and listen to others' perspectives.
- Grammar and vocabulary exercises – building a strong foundation in language.
- Practice exam practice and a range of task-based assessments
- Homework and Independent study



Assessment

Students will be assessed through written exams set by Cambridge. There will also be ongoing assessments throughout the course, such as class tests, quizzes, and coursework.

Additional Learning Opportunities

We believe in providing students with a well-rounded education, so we offer opportunities to learn outside of the classroom, such as:

- School productions and theatre visits
- Poetry and short story competitions as available
- Reading challenges

Evaluation and Review

The curriculum will be reviewed annually to ensure its effectiveness and alignment with the boards' defined curriculum. Feedback from students, teachers, and parents will be considered in the review process.

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