

Our KS4 English Curriculum at HGCSC



In Year 10 and Year 11 we are preparing for the GCSEs. We build on the skills and knowledge developed in our key stage three units and use this foundation to access, analyse and argue our way through the AQA syllabus.

In English we study two GCSEs: English Language and English Literature. Many of the skills we have developed in key stage 3 are then used in key stage 4 but developed to GCSE level. Pupils will study a variety of literature texts including: A Christmas Carol, An Inspector Calls, Macbeth and a selection of poetry from the AQA Power and Conflict cluster. We also cover a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts in order to develop our skills for the English Language Papers.

Pupils will develop the ability to academically write about texts, analysing both the language and structure used by writers and comparing writers' viewpoints and perspectives. We also have the opportunity to develop our oracy skills through discussion-based activities leading to completing their Speaking and Listening GCSE component. Our contextual knowledge we have developed over the previous years will also help pupils navigate texts that span multiple centuries. Our schemes are designed to build the knowledge and skills pupils will need to succeed in their GCSEs and ultimately become the life long learners we set out to develop.