

The Henslow School Annual Planning Overview

*This is a summary for parents, carers and students which shows the likely areas of study.
It will be adapted by the teacher to suit groups and individuals.*

Course subject content/qualification	AQA GCSE English Literature Paper 1 (Specification 8702)
Year group/Class information	Year 10
Number of lessons per week	3/4
	Topics and Content to be Covered + Course Deadlines: Two external examinations worth 40% and 60% of the pupil's respective marks.
Autumn 1 (Sep – Oct) Paper 1	Shakespeare's 'Macbeth' Paper 1, Section A. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Historical context and the nature of Shakespearean tragedy ➤ Plot of the play (Acts I-V) ➤ Characterization in the play ➤ Themes (kingship, violence, fear, guilt etc) ➤ Read and annotate Acts I, II and III of the play. Links made with 'The Elizabethans' for OCR GCSE History
Autumn 2 (Nov-Dec) Paper 1	Paper 1, Section A Finish 'Macbeth' (analysis of Acts IV and V). Complete character arcs, plot of play, thematic mind-maps and attempt some sample GCSE questions for exam preparation.
Spring 1 (Jan-Feb) Paper 2	Paper 2, Section B. Start teaching AQA Anthology Poetry 'Relationships' section. Teach seven poems this half-term. (‘When We Two Parted,’ ‘Neutral Tones,’ ‘Winter Swans,’ ‘Porphyria’s Lover,’ ‘Sonnet 29 – ‘I think of thee!’,’ ‘The Farmer’s Bride’ and ‘Love’s Philosophy)
Spring 2 (Mar-Apr) Paper 1	Paper 2 Section B: Teach another eight poems this half-term (‘Follower,’ ‘Walking Away,’ ‘Eden Rock,’ ‘Mother, any distance,’ ‘Sing Song!,’ ‘Climbing My Grandfather’ and ‘Before You Were Mine’ and ‘Letters from Yorkshire.’
Summer 1 (Apr – June) Paper 2	Paper 2, Section A. Start reading George Orwell’s ‘Animal Farm’ to link with Paper 2 (Modern Texts). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Historical context of the novella (in this case Russian Revolution of 1917) ➤ Plot ➤ Characterisation in the novella (Napoleon, Squealer, Snowball, Boxer and Benjamin) ➤ Themes
Summer 2 (June-July) Paper 2	Finish reading and analysing George Orwell’s ‘Animal Farm.’ Paper 2, Section A. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ensure that past exam questions and specimen exam questions have been attempted. Paper 2: finish analysing George Orwell’s ‘Animal Farm.’ <u>Link with the OCR History depth study ‘Living Under Nazi Rule 1933-1945:’ Totalitarianism versus Communism and the contentious relationship between Hitler and Stalin that culminated in the German-Soviet Pact of August 1939.</u>