

How to Support your Child in English Year 10

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- Develop a love of reading and an appreciation for literature
- Become confident, independent, and resilient thinkers, writers, and communicators

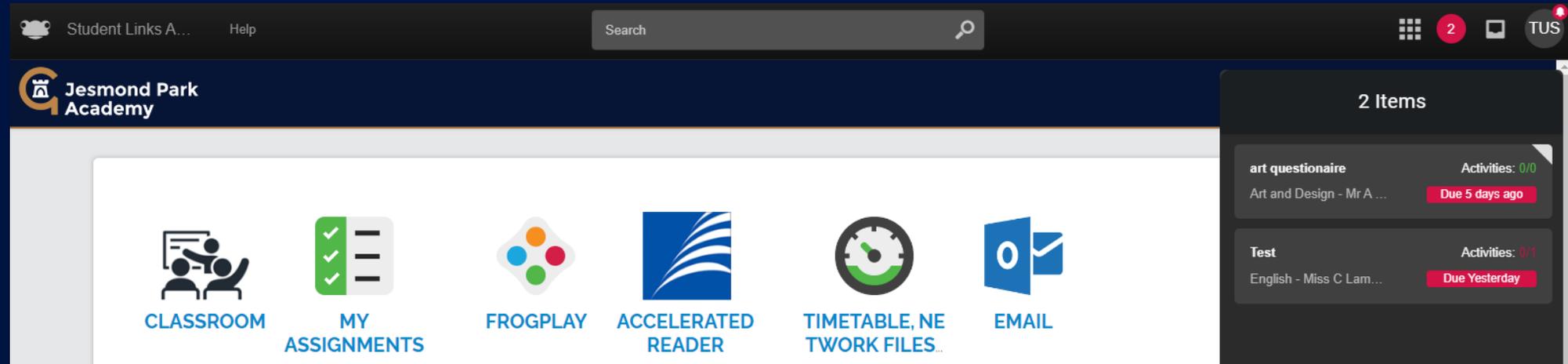
What will your child study in Year 10?

Autumn 1	Power and Conflict – Power and Control Descriptive Writing
Autumn 2	Victorian Literature – A Christmas Carol
Spring 1	Shakespeare – Macbeth
Spring 2	Explorations into Fiction Texts – Reading Analysis
Summer 1	Explorations into Non-Fiction Texts – Writing to Argue, Explain and Persuade. Speaking and Listening Assessment
Summer 2	Revision of Literature Texts – Year 10 Mocks Power and Conflict – War

KS4 Assessments

Autumn 1	Power and Conflict Poem Analysis
Autumn 2	A Christmas Carol – Theme Essay
Spring 1	Macbeth – Theme/Character Essay
Spring 2	Evaluation of writer's intentions
Summer 1	Speaking and Listening Assessment
Summer 2	Macbeth and A Christmas Carol Mock Exam

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Our Frog quizzes have been designed to help your child reflect on the skills and knowledge they have learned each week. Each week, they will complete a 10 question quiz, with a range of question types.

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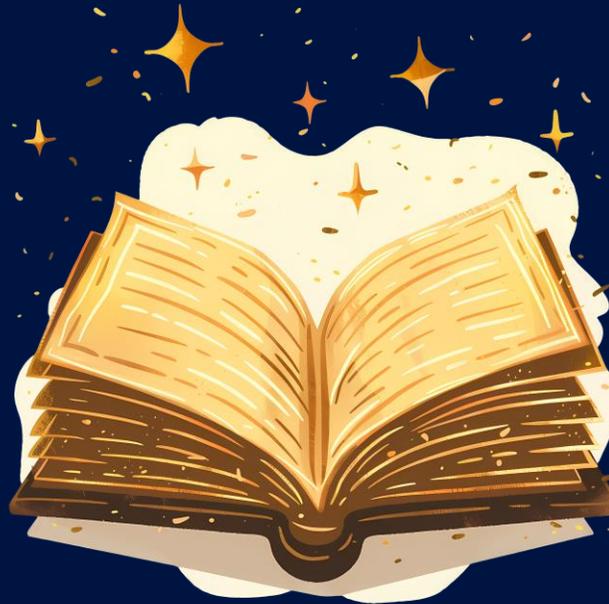
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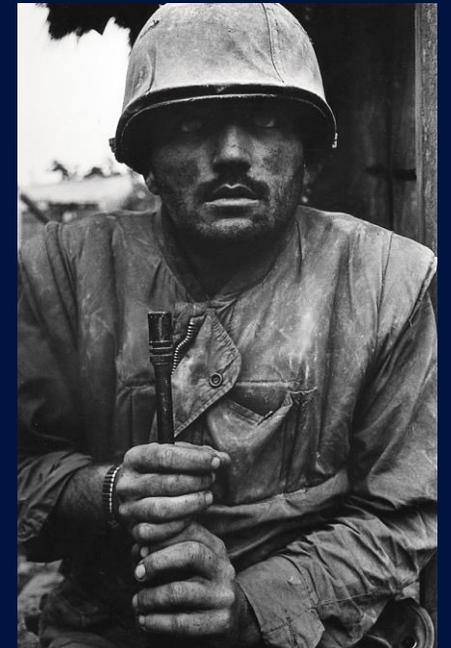
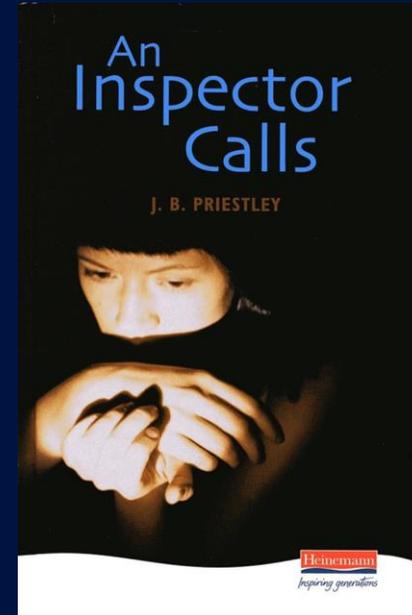
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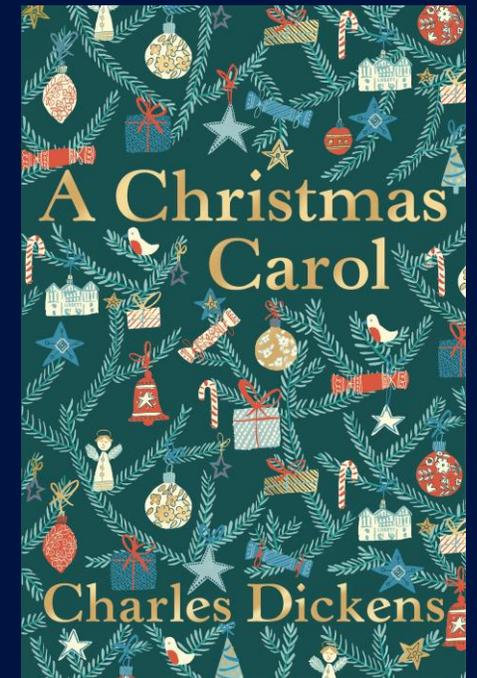
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Autumn 1	Modern Text – An Inspector Calls
Autumn 2	Power and Conflict Poetry – Identity and Conflict
Spring 1	Explorations into Non-Fiction Texts – Reading Analysis
Spring 2	Teacher guided revision of GCSE content
Summer 1	Teacher guided revision of GCSE content



Year 11 Mock Exams

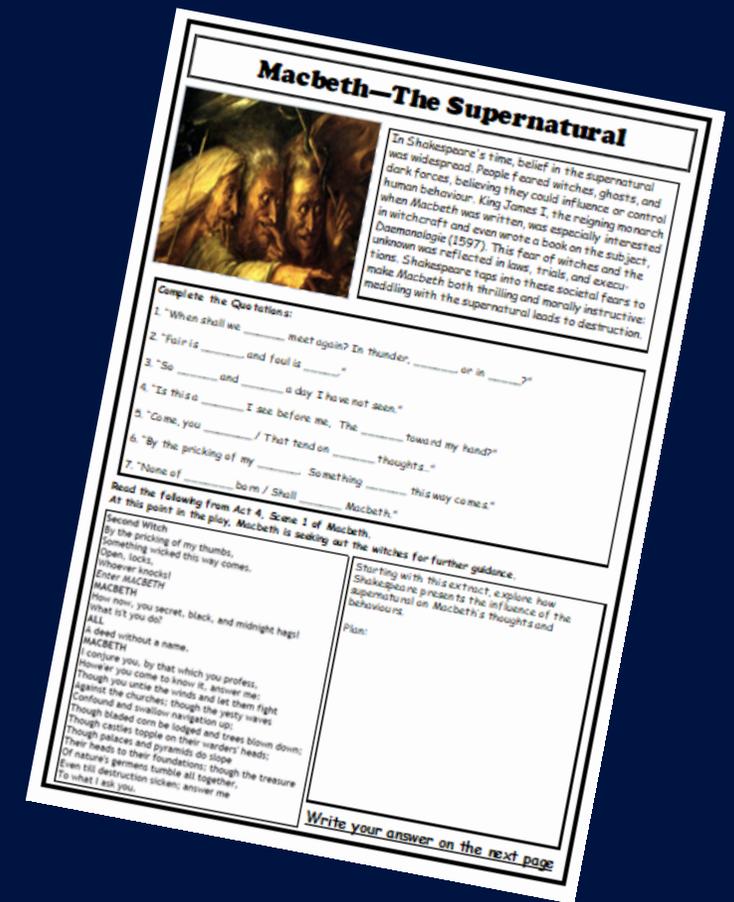
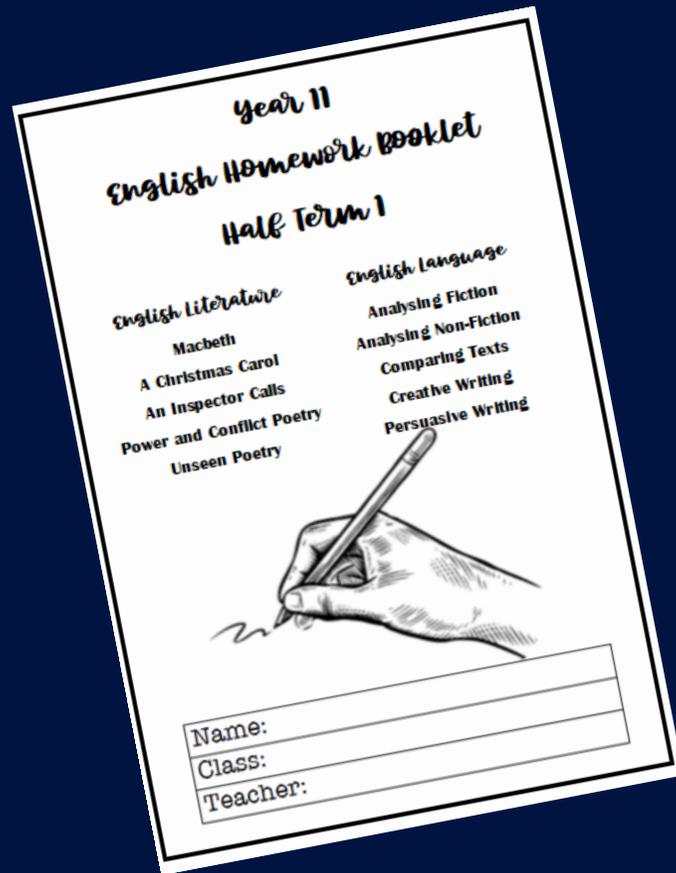
Autumn 1	English Language Paper 1 Assessment – Explorations in Fictional Writing
Autumn 2	Literature Paper 1 Assessment – Macbeth and A Christmas Carol
Spring 1	January Mock Exams – An Inspector Calls, Power and Conflict Poetry and Unseen Poetry Analysis
Spring 2	English Language Paper 2 Assessment – Explorations in Non-Fiction Writing
Summer 1	GCSE Exams



Exam Dates – Summer 2025

Monday 11th May	English Literature Paper 1 <i>Macbeth and A Christmas Carol</i>
Tuesday 19th May	English Literature Paper 2 <i>An Inspector Calls and Poetry</i>
Thursday 21st May	English Language Paper 1 <i>Fictional Writing</i>
Friday 5th June	English Language Paper 2 <i>Non-Fiction Writing</i>

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This half term, the Year 11s have a booklet with homework tasks that are designed to help them with recall of both Year 10 and Year 11 knowledge. It looks like [this](#)

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How else can we support your child?

- As well as lessons created by a dedicated team of practitioners, we will provide extra opportunities for your child to get the most out of English.

Literature Lectures

Previous topics include:

- The Troubles and Storm on the Island
- Macbeth and Freud
- The Motif of Temperature in A Christmas Carol
- Alcohol as a Symbol in An Inspector Calls
- The Identity of a Soldier
- Romanticism in Poetry
- The Supernatural in A Christmas Carol
- Stagecraft in An Inspector Calls
- Patterns and Themes in Macbeth
- Biblical Allusions Across the Literature Texts

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