

Year 10 Curriculum Overview: Functional Skills Pathway

Autumn Term

Topics/ content outline:

1. Analyse fiction and non-fiction writing for format, purpose and audience connected to the themes in core English lessons.
2. Retrieval practise linking to English Language exam skills.
3. Comment on the use of writers' methods and structural choices
4. Analyse and evaluate using evidence
5. Planning writing to have the appropriate detail, length and purpose.
6. Writing in a structured, logical and persuasive way, using a variety of sentence types.
7. Use of correct spelling and appropriate punctuation and grammar.

Powerful Knowledge (key concepts, skills)

Extracting key information from different texts requires the use of many different reading skills such as prediction, inference, identification of facts and opinions. Different writers may have different points of view.

What will you be assessed on?

**Half termly assessments of reading and writing skills in order to track progress
Spelling, punctuation and grammar**

How can you help at home?

**Read a range of different texts such magazines, newspapers, books and web pages.
Add subtitles to movies and video games to help upskill spellings.**

Spring Term

1. Descriptive and narrative writing
2. Review of word types and choices to add detail and interest
3. Review of sentence types and the impact of these on the reader
4. Review and use of linguistic devices
5. Planning writing to meet the needs of a written examination task
6. Continued practise of writing skills
7. Use of correct spelling and appropriate punctuation and grammar

Different writing styles are needed for different audiences. Good writing will have a clear layout, good spelling, and appropriate punctuation and grammar. A range of linguistic techniques will add interest and detail to writing.

Half termly assessments of reading and writing skills in order to track progress

**Read regularly at home.
Use resources on Showbie to continually practise spelling and grammar.**

Summer Term

1. Identifying the skills used by effective public speakers.
2. Identify information and lines of arguments in presentations
3. Writing and speaking to persuade
4. Develop a speech on a topic of your choice ensuring it is appropriate for the audience.
5. Respond effectively to detailed questions
6. Know how to effectively take part in a group discussion
7. Respect the opinions of others, effectively interject and contribute
8. Reading for pleasure

Effective communication requires good speaking and listening skills. These skills can be practised and improved. Asking open and probing questions demonstrates good listening.

Presentation delivery. You will be judged on speaking, listening and questioning skills.

Show a lively interest in people you meet, ask questions. Watch debates on television; links to examples will be available on Showbie.



Year 11 Curriculum Overview: Functional Skills Pathway From September 2024



Autumn Term

Topics/ content outline:

1. Overview of the Functional Skills Assessments
2. Review of presentational features
3. Review of language features
4. Reading Assessment Practise
5. Planning writing to have the appropriate detail, length and purpose.
6. Writing in a structured, logical and accurate way.
7. Writing Assessment Practise

Powerful Knowledge (key concepts, skills)

Reading and understanding a written task is key to formulating a successful response and using key words to identify purpose, audience and form.

What will you be assessed on?

December mock examination in Functional Skills Reading and Writing
The results will be used to decide next steps.

How can you help at home?

Use the practice papers and revision materials provided on Showbie

Spring Term

1. Preparing for the speaking and listening exams.
2. Preparation of a short presentation on a topic of your choice.
3. Practise of debating skills in order to take part in a group discussion.
4. Continued practise of exam style tasks for reading and writing
5. Continued spelling, punctuation and grammar practise
6. Planning and revision skills

Effective communication requires skilled speaking and listening skills that show you have understood the task and tailored your response to the audience.

Asking detailed questions demonstrates good listening. Effective revision provides many opportunities to overlearn using different learning styles.

You will be entered for the Functional Skills Reading and Writing Examinations before the Easter break
You will be formally assessed for the Speaking and Listening Tasks 1 and 2

Use the revision resources provided on Showbie Practice and time your presentation at home.

Summer Term

1. Preparing for GCSE English Language Paper 1 and 2
2. Review and practise of skills needed for Language Paper 1 and 2
3. Overlearning key terminology .
4. Continued spelling, punctuation and grammar practise.

Knowing how to time responses in an examination situation.
Identifying key words in a question in order to plan an effective response.
Knowing key terminology and how to use this in written answers

You will be preparing for your GCSE examinations in English Language

Use the revision resources provided on Showbie by your English teacher