English Department

Newsletter

KS4 English: Autumn 2

This month's newsletter focuses on Year 11 mocks and Year 10's next key Literature text, A Christmas Carol, which is worth 20% of the overall Literature mark. ***Mrs Millership***

Year 10

Year 10 have just completed their first assessment based on 'An Inspector Calls'. Results of this assessment will be shared with pupils shortly and set moves may take place. This half term, Year 10 will begin studying 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens.

Context

When writing about A Christmas Carol, students not only have to demonstrate understanding of the text and analyse language and structure but must also link context to textual detail. This means that students need to understand what life was like in Victorian times and the influences on Charles Dickens.

Top Tips:

This month's top tip is to use your phone at home for revision.

What? Exposure to non-fiction texts in preparation for Language Paper 2 – Year 11 mocks

How? https://www.theguardian.com/uk/commentisfree

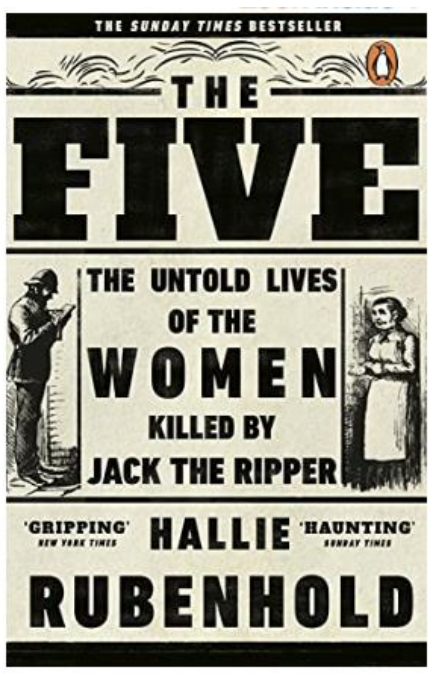
Why? Reading an article a day will improve reading resilience in preparation for the Paper 2 mock.

For Year 10 and 11, YouTube has a wealth of contextual videos which will improve your contextual knowledge of the Victorian era.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zQy7fFlLlxY

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7NiOIV8hXIA&list=PLGjazfmiZg9ya4htm9eu_gsKOEh-_q0_z&index=6

This month's recommended read:



While Jack the Ripper is infamous, the women he killed are less well known. This book details the lives of five London women murdered by him and interestingly one of the victims originally lived in Sedgley! In presenting the lives of these victims, the reader is introduced to lots of contextual information about poverty in the Victorian era and the shame of the workhouse. (Available in the PLC)

Quote of the Month:

"No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another."

Charles Dickens

Worth a visit!

If you happen to be in London over the Christmas holidays, the Charles Dickens Museum is well worth a visit!

https://dickensmuseum.com/

Year 11 December mocks

These will take place w/b 30th November. A revision countdown with hyperlinks have been uploaded to Go4Schools.

Literature:

A full Component 2 exam.

- An Inspector Calls (40 marks)
- A Christmas Carol (40 marks)
- Unseen Poetry (40 marks – two questions worth 15/25 marks)

Language

Paper 2 - 2 Unseen Non-Fiction texts.

- Questions 1 – 4 testing a range of reading skills including summarising information, analysing language and comparing writer's viewpoints.
- Question 5 testing writing skills and pupils' ability to express their views. They will be asked to either write a letter or an article.