

OVERVIEW

In Year 10 students begin their GCSE course and follow the AQA syllabus. They build upon language and grammatical structures they have seen in KS3 and further develop their skills in listening, speaking, reading and writing. The course is divided into three themes (12 units) and in Year 10, students will focus on theme 1 and will see some of theme 2. At the end of the year, they will sit a GCSE past paper to assess their progress in the course and to get them accustomed to sitting papers that tests all language across the skills.

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Theme 1: Unit 1

- Describing self and others (KS3 revision)
- Talking about friends
- Describing family relationships.
- Talking about plans for the future
- Describing an ideal partner.

Theme 1: Unit 2

- Saying what you use technology
- Say how you have used technology recently
- Discussing the good and the bad about social media
- Saying how you prefer to stay in contact
- The advantages and disadvantages of mobile technology

Assessment:

Vocabulary tests

40 word writing task

90 word writing task on Family and relationships

90 word writing task on technology and social media.

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Theme 1: Unit 3

- KS3 free time vocabulary revision
- Expressing opinions about TV
- Expressing future intentions
- Food and Drink vocabulary- ordering in a restaurant
- Describing a special meal in the past
- Using the simple future to talk about sports

Theme 2: Unit 5

- Describing your house and home
- Describing your town
- Saying what your town used to be like
- Discussing the positives and negatives of living in the town or countryside

Assessment:

Vocabulary tests

90 word writing task on Free time.

90 words writing task on their town, city or neighbourhood.

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Theme 1: Unit 4

- Revision of key festival and celebration language
- Learning about La Tomatina
- Narrating a past trip to a festival
- Describing a Special Day in the past

Revision and preparation for mock exams.

Speaking practice and exam skills

Assessment:

Vocabulary tests

Big Write- Students will produce a piece of extended writing about where they live.

Students will sit a GCSE past paper exam in listening, reading and writing.

Useful resources for supporting your child at home:

www.wordreference.com – Online dictionary

www.quizlet.com - Online quizzing and vocab building

Homework:

Grammatical consolidation

Vocabulary learning using Knowledge Organisers

Homework using revision guides

Preparation for Big Write

Speaking Booklet