

## Alcester Academy Curriculum Planning: Assessment in English

*Pupils will complete a variety of writing and reading assessments across key stages. Teachers assess using an in-department assessment grid which adopts the 9-1 GCSE gradings. All assessments are completed within the last two weeks of each half term.*

*Data is recorded by teachers and placed in 'best books', so that pupils can identify their own progress over time. A termly 'working at' grade is reported to SISRA which takes into account the progress of both reading and writing pieces, together with a teacher's professional judgement. Data is used to inform class packs and future setting reviews. Pupils respond to their result of each extended piece and this often includes editing or re-writing, at least a partial response, to ensure they can evidence progress. The end of year exams act as a consolidation of the skills used and learnt over the course of each academic year.*

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Autumn 1	What: evaluative reading and creative writing assessments  How: use of the transition read 'Armistice Runner' by Tom Palmer  When: end of half term	What: non-fiction writing task- transactional writing and comparing viewpoints reading assessment. Spoken language assessment  How: topical articles and sources as stimulus over the half term  When: during the half term	What: travel writing description  How: task set after studying a variety of travel writing extracts as stimuli  Week: end of half term	What: AQA Power and Conflict comparison assessment  How: use of GCSE set poems, framed in GCSE style  When: end of half term	What: December mocks for Language and Literature courses (to include <i>Frankenstein</i> question)  How: Internal and formal examination in the hall.  When: see forward planner for exact dates.
Autumn 2	What: language reading assessment (setting)  How: use of Victorian literature novel extract	What: language reading assessment  How: Victorian novel extracts as source	What: exam styled question- How does ____ present ____ as ____?	What: fiction language paper (AQA worded)  How: Use of GCSE AQA test packs	

	as source material  When: end of half term	material  When: end of half term	How: task is linked to novel studied in lesson and structured in exam style  When: end of half term	When: end of half term	
Spring 1	What: non-fiction writing task- transactional writing and comparing viewpoints reading assessment  How: use of school experiences as a theme.  When: end of half term	What: Shakespeare's presentation of.... (character or theme)  How: use of extracts from Shakespeare plays- formatted as exam paper  When: end of half term	What: fiction language paper (AQA worded)  How: Use of KS3 AQA test packs  When: end of half term	What: End of year exams- past language and literature GCSE papers  How: formal examination in hall  When: during half term	What: March mocks for Language and Literature courses  How: Internal and formal examination in the hall.  When: see forward planner for exact dates.
Spring 2	What: language reading assessment (character) and creative story (extract for a chapter)  How: detective writing as stimulus and resource material  When: end of half term	What: fiction and non-fiction assessments  How: AQA Key stage 3 test packs  When: end of half term	What: AQA Power and Conflict comparison assessment  How: use of GCSE set poems, framed in GCSE style  When: end of half term	What: Shakespeare's presentation of.... (character or theme)  How: use of extract from set Shakespeare play- formatted as exam paper  When: end of half term	
Summer 1	What: comparing poetry reading assessment and creation of a piece of poetry  How: use of poetry from past GCSE	What: Romantic poetry reading assessment  How: use of Romantic poetry anthology as source material- exam style question set	What: non-fiction language paper (AQA worded)  How: Use of KS3 AQA test packs  When: end of half term	What: non-fiction language paper (AQA worded)  How: Use of GCSE AQA test packs  When: end of half term	External GCSE examinations

	anthology as source material When: end of half term	When: end of half term	<b>End of year examinations during this half term</b>		
Summer 2	What: end of year exam How: formal examination in hall When: see forward planner for exact dates	What: Creative writing task (provide image or sentence opener) How: task is linked to novel studied in lesson When: end of half term	What: Modern Drama GCSE set text- character reading assessment How: GCSE style question about character presentation When: end of half term	What: Modern Drama GCSE set text- character reading assessment. Spoken language endorsement How: GCSE style question about presentation of character or theme. Choice of topic to be recorded/presented for spoken language endorsement When: end of half term	