

Subject	Year	Term		
English	11	Autumn Term 1 and 2		
Topic				

Macbeth

Content (Intent)

Prior Learning (Topic)

Prior learning links to The Tempest (Year 7) and Romeo and Juliet (Year 9). Progression of essay skills based on Year 10 Literature Mocks.

In the first week of this unit, we will begin by introducing the plot, key characters, and context areas. Context areas explored will include (but are not limited to): Divine Right of Kings; Chain of Being; Tragedy as a genre; Superstition; Loyalty. As we read through the play, we will annotate it whilst exploring key themes, messages, and characters. Once we have finished the play we will review and map the key themes/motifs and structure of the play and then introduce essay planning and writing.

Future Learning (Topic)

How will knowledge and skills will be	How will your understanding be assessed &
taught? (Implementation)	recorded? (Impact)
Discussion of context	Past exam questions – marks recorded on u: drive.
Reading of the play and annotating in booklets	
Watching film adaptations	
Completing theme mapping and quotation grids	
Discussion of model essays	
Essay planning and writing	

How can parents help at home?

Discuss the play and the key themes with your child.

Watch Macbeth together at home.

Help your child to learn the key spellings in the vocabulary list – check they know the definitions Encourage them to access the revision material on the VLE:

https://balcarras.fireflycloud.net/english/gcse-english/english-literature/macbeth

Helpful further reading/discussion

Reading	Vocabulary Lists	Careers Links
New GCSE English Shakespeare Text Guide – Macbeth (CGP)	arrogant conniving conspiracy egocentric gullible	Film Director Journalist Librarian Teacher

Shakespeare The Biography –	grotesque	Writer
Peter Ackroyd	head-strong	
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	malicious	
Shakespeare: The World As A	manipulative	
Stage: Bill Bryson	obsessive	
	paranoia	
The Time Traveller's Guide to	possessive	
	power-hungry	
British Theatre: The First Four	regicide	
Hundred Years	ruthless	
	sly	
	tragic hero	
	traitor	
	tyrannical	
	valorous	
	blank verse	
	dramatic irony	
	iambic pentameter	
	monologue	
	soliloquy	
	Joinequy	