

English: What to expect this year.

We are working towards 2 exams (unit 2 and 3). Each lasts for 2 hours.

Unit 2:

Section A has structured questions based on extracts from description, narration and exposition texts and then an editing task.

Section B has a *choice* of 2 writing tasks (describe, tell a story or explain). You only do one and a proof reading task.

Unit 3:

Section A has structured questions based on extracts from argumentation, persuasion and instruction texts.

Section B has 2 compulsory writing tasks (Writing to argue and writing to persuade.) You must do both!

Essential equipment checklist: pens, highlighters, ruler, pencil, tissues, a watch, water.

What?	When?	Homework to expect.	How to give extra support.
Unit 2 exam preparation with focus on the key question types and description/ exposition (explanation) writing skills.	September to October half term	Homework booklet to work on Spelling, punctuation and grammar, through reading activities.	Help with punctuation accuracy and spelling rules. Learn the spellings of some good vocab and key connectives or starters for use in the exam.
Unit 1 Group Discussion work on set theme Graffiti	October/ November	Independent research	Discuss ideas. Practice talking through/ rehearsing and work on timing.
Unit 3 exam preparation with focus on compare and contrast questions and persuasive, argument writing.	November to Christmas	Proof reading/ editing similar to those in the exam	Go over homework tasks. Create essay plans on suggested topics (ask teacher for ideas) Read topical articles/ newspapers to keep abreast of current events
Unit 2 writing focus Narrative/ Descriptive/ Exposition	January- February half term	Planning, redrafting, proofreading, editing.	Planning together, wider independent research.
Unit 3 writing focus Persuasion/ argumentation	February- Easter	Boxing up model responses, planning structure and techniques	Read over, help with corrections. Encourage high levels of accuracy.
Going over how to answer each question type. Key tips for success	Easter- exams!!	Practice questions	Make sure homework tasks are done. Go over best vocabulary spellings to include in the writing tasks. Make sure they've got all the equipment needed.

