The English curriculum across the key stages at Radnor House focuses on the development of key skills in reading and writing through the study of exciting and engaging texts and sources. English teachers are dedicated to creating a safe environment for students to respond personally to a range of texts and express themselves with independence, clarity and creativity.

* At KS4, students take AQA English Language (8700) and English Literature (8702). Both GCSEs are assessed through four external exams at the end of the two-year course. Students study pre and post-19th century British texts in literature, whilst in language, there is a focus on comprehension and creative writing skills.
* <http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-literature-8702>
* <http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-language-8700>

At all levels, and in all units, SMSC plays a major role in teaching and learning through:

* The exploration of the context when and where the text was written.
* Relating the text to the pupils’ own lives and current affairs.

Where appropriate, fundamental British Values are also explored.

**Literature**

For all of the literature texts and the unseen texts, the students will explore:

* The context
* Various interpretations/receptions of the text
* The language, structure and form
* Links between different sections of the text
* The purpose of the text
* Relevant themes, linking them to modern and contextual readings

**Language**

The two language papers deal with both fiction and non-fiction writing. For each paper, the pupils will explore/practice:

* Writing for purpose
* Understanding inference
* Analysis of language, form and structure
* SPaG
* Comparison, summarising, evaluation

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|  | **Autumn Term 13 WEEKS** | **Spring Term 10 WEEKS** | **Summer Term 12 WEEKS** |
| **Year 10**  **9 hours per fortnight**  Literature  Language | ‘An Inspector Calls’ study of complete text for Lit Paper 2  *Poetry (Lit Paper 2 Section B)*  The 15 poems from the Power and Conflict Anthology  (assessment)  Creative Writing (Language paper 1 Part B)  -story openings  -descriptive writing  -narrative writing | *19th Century novel Lit Paper 2 Section B (Jekyll and Hyde or Christmas Carol)*    (assessment)  *Language Paper 1 Reading*  (assessment) | *Language Paper 1 and Paper 2 Writing (assessment)*  *Preparation for the Year 10 examination on: Language Papers, and Lit Paper 1 Section B and Lit Paper 2 Sections A and B*  *Spoken Language assessment (including recording of speeches and uploading to secure U Drive)* |

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