

English Curriculum 2024-2025

KS3

Our English curriculum at KS3 intends to build upon the knowledge from KS2 and equip students with the ability to write cohesive and accurate texts that demonstrate a flair for language as well as a sense of audience. We will equip students with the ability to skim read, make judicious selections of evidence, and analyse the effects of language. Equally, by teaching a broad range of literature from Shakespeare to the modern novel and poetry, we aim to maximise each student's cultural capital. We also equip students with key oracy skills and develop students' ability to think independently about issues in the world around them through discussion and debating skills. By the end of KS3 students should be able to read to at least their chronological age; have attained expected progress relative to their starting point and be equipped with the reading and writing skills to be able to access and succeed at GCSE.

KS4

Our English curriculum at KS4 builds upon the skills developed during KS3, enabling students to explore concepts and ideas independently both in texts they read and in their own writing. We equip students with the ability to explore the wider meaning of texts, develop analysis using precise evidence, and explore the connections between writers' choices and the messages they convey. By exploring a wide range of material in both the English Literature and English Language GCSE we support further development of cultural capital and aim to equip students to be independent thinkers in the wider world. By the end of KS4 students should be able to attain expected progress relative to their starting point in both English Literature and English Language, be equipped with the reading and writing skills necessary for further education or to secure a job and have the capacity for independent thinking required to succeed in the wider world.

Year 7		
	Unit 1	Faster Reading <i>'The Boy in the Tower'</i> by Polly Ho Yen <i>'The Hunger Games'</i> by Suzanne Collins
	Unit 2	Manchester An Anthology of texts from our city
	Unit 3	Magical Worlds <i>'Harry Potter and the Cursed Child'</i> by Jack Thorne
Year 8		
	Unit 1	Tragedy <i>'Romeo and Juliet'</i> by William Shakespeare
	Unit 2	Multicultural Britain A study of an anthology of literature from a diverse range of writers.
	Unit 3	Law and Order <i>'Lord of the Flies'</i> by William Golding
Year 9		
	Unit 1	Tragedy <i>'Othello'</i> by William Shakespeare
	Unit 2	World Poetry Exploration and analysis of an anthology of poetry from across the world.
	Unit 3	Oracy 'Room 101' Exploration of persuasive language and rhetoric to develop oracy skills
	Unit 4	Study of a 21st Century Novel 'Pigeon English' by Stephen Kelman
Year 10		

	Unit 1	English Literature: <i>'An Inspector Calls'</i> by J.B Priestley A selection of poetry from Power and Conflict anthology
	Unit 2	English Language Paper 2: viewpoints and perspectives
	Unit 3	English Literature <i>'Macbeth'</i> by William Shakespeare
	Unit 4	English Literature Misuse of power: A selection of poems from The Power and Conflict anthology
	Unit 5	Speaking and listening endorsement
	Unit 6	English Language Paper 1: Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing
Year 11		
	Unit 1	English Literature <i>'A Christmas Carol'</i> by Charles Dickens
	Unit 2	English Language Revision and application of skills
	Unit 3	English Literature Power and conflict poetry anthology and unseen analysis
	Unit 4	Revision of all knowledge and skills for GCSE English Literature and GCSE English Language examinations