

KS4: English Curriculum

At KS4 our students follow the AQA English Literature and English Language courses. In Literature we study:

- Macbeth, William Shakespeare
- The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde, Robert Louis Stevenson
- An Inspector Calls, J B Priestley
- AQA Poetry Anthology: Power and Conflict poems

These text choices are directly linked to the work completed at KS3. Students have already studied three Shakespeare plays in year 7 – 9 and end KS3 with the study of Julius Caesar, a play with direct thematic links to Macbeth. Furthermore, they have studied The Yellow Wallpaper in year 9, a story also concerned with ideas about identity and duality, linking directly to Jekyll and Hyde. The modern plays studied in Year 8 and 9 are also concerned with issues relating to class, power and society – ideas which are developed in a different context in An Inspector Calls. Across KS3, students have read and explored a range of poetry preparing them for the poetry they will study in Years 10 and 11. The text choices provide continuity for our students and allow them to engage with the texts at the highest level. We continue to build on the essay writing skills that have been developed across KS3, teaching students to see essays and creative and exploratory pieces of writing where students develop their own arguments in response to the texts studied.

In the Language GCSE we continue to develop the students' independent reading skills in Paper 1 and 2, emphasising the cross-over between skills in Literature and Language, especially in relation to Language Paper 1. We encourage the students to read broadly in terms of non-fiction, setting reading and vocabulary homework to continue to expand the students' ability to engage with a range of texts and to build their confidence as readers. Alongside this they continue to learn how to develop effective pieces of creative writing in terms of description, stories and point of view pieces looking at how to effectively use language, form and structure to develop coherent and powerful pieces of writing.

Our aim is to align our KS3 and 4 curriculums in order to enhance our students' potential and to allow them to develop to the best of their ability and achieve to the highest levels in their GCSE examinations, enabling them to make the choices they want as they go forward into Higher Education.

KS4 English: At a glance...

LANG	AUT 1	AUT 2	SPR 1	SPR 2	SUM 1	SUM 2
Y10	Hartop P1	T-Rex P1	Aberfan P2	Cycling P2	Paper 1	Paper 2
Y11	Mountain Climbing P2	Glass, Bricks & Dust P1	The Silent Land P1	Elephants P2	Revision	Exams

LIT	AUT 1	AUT 2	SPR 1	SPR 2	SUM 1	SUM 2
Y10	Macbeth	Power and Conflict Poetry	Jekyll and Hyde	Jekyll and Hyde	Power and Conflict Poetry	Power and Conflict Poetry and revision
Y11	An Inspector Calls	An Inspector Calls HW: Poetry Revision	Macbeth Revision	Jekyll and Hyde Revision	Poetry Revision → bespoke lessons	Exams