English Curriculum Map 2024-25

Intent – The English curriculum aims to build students' cultural capital, reading skills, oracy skills and vocabulary through analysis and exploration of a wide range of textual genres and eras (non-fiction, poetry, 19th century, Shakespearean plays and the modern novel), which still form the cornerstone of modern society. By analysing a range of texts and authorial voices, which are grouped thematically each year around concepts such as 'conflict' for year 7 and 'social justice' for year 8, students are encouraged to personally engage with a wide variety of challenging themes, ideas, characters and concepts which will broaden and test their current world view. Students will be prompted to mimic and experiment with methods employed y great writers and speakers in order to develop their own communication skills through weekly extended writing opportunities.

The development of analytical skills across KS3 will build a strong foundational knowledge required for the rigorous requirements of the GCSE and A-Level course.

Through this challenging and broad curriculum, we aim to develop resilient learners, who are able to evaluate society and their role within it and confident to eloquently express their views on this.

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Term	1	2	3	4	5	6
Year 7	War and Conflict Poetry In this introductory poetry unit	In this unit students will learn	Introduction to Shakespeare: A Midsummer Night's Dream	A Midsummer Night's Dream In this unit students will use	Greek Myths In this unit students will be	Greek Myths and Introducti to Rhetoric
	In this introductory poetry unit, students will be introduced to the theme of conflict through a wide-ranging selection of poems which explore different historical backgrounds. Students will explore how writers express themselves and convey their personal perspective on conflict. By learning about the different contexts of each poem, students will learn how to explain the writer's message. As part of this unit, students will also do their own poetry writing, mimicking	In this unit, students will learn the foundation skills to writing creatively. They will be exposed to a range of descriptive texts which they will mimic in their own writing. Students will learn two key concepts of creative writing: characterisation and description of setting. As well as creating their own pieces of descriptive writing, students will learn how to read, decode and understand a descriptive text.	After the assessments, students will read 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. They will explore how Shakespeare examines the central themes of love, gender and conflict. Students will learn how to read, understand and decode a Shakespearean text. Students will also develop their understanding of Elizabethan England, with a focus on the patriarchal society, which will form a foundation knowledge needed for their study of Greek	In this unit, students will use their knowledge of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' to build foundation literature skills. They will learn how to effectively plan and write a response to an essay question through learning how to form an argument and how to prove this argument through analysis of language, structure and form. Key skills: • Learn how to form an argument	Odyssey, Daedalus and Icarus and Perseus and Medusa. They will learn how to understand the messages of the Greek myths and how they can apply this to the modern day.	After the end of year assessments, students will continue to study Greek myt and use the myths to begin t study of rhetoric by using ke ideas/concepts explored in t myths to present their own speech. Key skills: Composition of presentational speech. Fluency in presentations speech.
	and experimenting with the methods that they have analysed in the poems that they have studied. Students will also start to develop their oracy skills through learning how to have a successful discussion with their peers about the poems that they study, and also key presentational talk skills such as projection, intonation and pace.	Students will continue to develop their oracy skills by using exploratory talk to discuss ideas about narrative construction with their peers. Key skills: How to convey meaning through descriptive writing how to use/create a range of language devices	Myths at the end of Y7, Romeo and Juliet in Y8, The Crucible and Of Mice and Men in Y9, and Macbeth in Y10. As part of this unit, students will continue to develop their speaking and listening skills by developing their presentational oracy skills. At the end of the unit, students will be assessed on their oracy skills. Key skills:	 Learn how to prove an argument through evidence from the text Learn how to analyse language to prove an argument KS4 links: This unit will help lay the foundation skills that students need to study and write about the texts 	 Key skills: Understanding classical terminology Reading for meaning How to convey meaning through descriptive writing KS4 links: Through learning classical terminology such as 	 Projection, intonation and gesture in presentational speech KS4 links: Through learning class terminology such as 'tragic hero, 'hamartia and 'hubris', students build a foundational knowledge needed for their study of 'Romeo

	 Reading for meaning Decoding words to develop a deeper understanding of the text Learning how to identify key language and structural features in a poem Learning how to explain the impact of the different language and structural features in a poem. Learning about how writer's use different language structure and form to present their message KS4 Links: This unit will help lay the foundation skills that students need to have in order to study the 'Power and Conflict' unit as part of their Literature GCSE. 	 how to use ambitious punctuation correctly Students will learn how to explain their language choices KS4 links: This unit will help lay the foundation skills that students need to have in order to write their own piece of descriptive writing and read/understand a fiction text in their Language GCSE. 	 Forming an argument. Evaluating a statement. Presentational speaking skills. KS4 links This unit will help lay the foundation skills that students need to have in order to study 'Macbeth' in their Literature GCSE. 		'tragic hero, 'hamartia' and 'hubris', students will build a foundational knowledge needed for their study of 'Romeo and Juliet' in Y8 and 'Macbeth' in Y10.	and Juliet' in Y8 and 'Macbeth' in Y10.
Year 8	Romeo and Juliet	Romeo and Juliet and Creative	Revision for Mid-Year	Animal Farm	Social Justice: poetry and non-	Revision for End of Year Exams
real o	In this unit, students will continue to develop their understanding of Shakespeare. They will continue to explore how Shakespeare examines the central themes of love, gender and conflict but through the lens of the tragic genre. Students will learn how to read, understand and decode a Shakespearean text. As part of this unit, students will continue to develop their	Writing In this unit, students will use their knowledge of 'Romeo and Juliet' to build on their foundation literature skills that they developed in Y7. They will learn how to effectively plan and write a response to an essay question through learning how	At the start of this term, students will be revising 'Romeo and Juliet' and revisiting creative writing to prepare for their midyear assessments.	In this unit, students will continue their study of Animal farm with a focus on analytical writing. They will continue to build on skills developed in Y7 and the start of Y8 about how to successfully create a coherent argument and prove this with evidence from the text. Key skills: • Learn how to form an argument	In this unit, students will continue to explore the theme of social justice through a range of poetry and non-fiction writing. Students will build upon their knowledge of poetical form and structure from Y7 and continue to explore how writer's express their ideas/perspectives through the mode of poetry. When reading non-fiction sources, students will learn how to decode and understand the writer's perspective around the	and continuation of Social Justice unit After their end of year assessments, students will continue their study of the social justice unit. As part of this unit, students will continue to develop their oracy skills by working towards their own presentation about the topic 'social justice', using the knowledge that they have gained from reading a wide-

speaking and listening skills by developing their presentational oracy skills. At the end of the unit, students will be assessed on their oracy skills.

Key skills:

- Forming an argument.
- Proving an argument through evidencing the text
- Evaluating a statement.
- Exploratory speaking skills.
- Presentational speaking skills.

KS4 links

 This unit will help lay the foundation skills that students need to have in order to study 'Macbeth' in their Literature GCSE. In the second half of this unit, students will revisit creative writing and learn how to form a successful narrative through exposure to different fiction extracts.

Key skills:

- Forming an argument
- Proving an argument through evidencing the text
- Learn how to analyse language to prove an argument

KS4 links

- This unit will help build upon the foundation knowledge that students gained in Y7 to support their study of 'Macbeth' in their Literature GCSE.
- This unit will help lay the foundation skills that students need to have in order to write their own piece of descriptive writing and read/understand a fiction text in their Language GCSE.

knowledge such as the Russian Revolution, the concept of a dystopian world and the use of propaganda.

As part of this unit, students will continue to develop their exploratory and presentational oracy skills through class discussions, debates and presentations about the demonstration of characters/themes within the novella.

Key skills:

- Forming an argument.
- Proving an argument through evidencing the text
- Evaluating a statement.
- Exploratory speaking skills.
- Presentational speaking skills.

KS4 links:

 This unit will form a foundational knowledge about how the themes of class and social quality are explored in literature. This will support students in their study 'An Inspector Calls' in Y10.

- Learn how to prove an argument through evidence from the text
- Learn how to analyse language to prove an argument

Key skills:

- Forming an argument
- Proving an argument through evidencing the text
- Learn how to analyse language to prove an argument
- Exploratory oracy skills

KS4 links:

 This unit will help lay the foundation skills that students need to study and write about the texts on their Literature GCSE. central ideas of racism, gender, social class and equality.

Key skills:

- Reading and decoding non-fiction texts
- Learning how to identify key language and structural features in a poem
- Learning how to explain the impact of the different language and structural features in a poem.
- Learning about how writer's use different language structure and form to present their message

KS4 links:

- This unit will help lay the foundation skills that students need to study and write about the poems in the 'Power and Conflict' anthology as part of their Literature GCSE.
- This unit will also support students in developing their understanding of non-fiction texts by reading and producing them. This will support students be successful in their Language GCSE.

ranging selection of non-fiction sources.

Key skills:

- Composition of presentational speech.
- Fluency in presentational speech.
- Projection, intonation and gesture in presentational speech.

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Year 9

The Crucible

In this unit, students will continue to explore themes of gender, power, and identity within the historical backdrop of the Salem witch trials. They will examine how societal norms and gender roles shape characters' actions and fates, particularly focusing on the persecution of women accused of witchcraft. Through the play's portrayal of power dynamics and the abuse of authority by figures like Judge Danforth, students analyse broader themes of social hierarchy and the consequences of moral choices on individual identity.

Key Skills:

- Forming an argument.
- Evaluating a statement.
- Presentational speaking skills.

KS4 links:

 Students will explore key themes such as individual morality, persecution and subversion of gender norms which will lay the foundations for their study of Macbeth, Jekyll and Hyde and An Inspector Calls at KS4.

The Crucible

In this unit, students will continue their study of The Crucible, using it as a basis for analytical writing. They will focus on forming a coherent argument and supporting it with textual references. They will understand the difference between writing about prose and drama and apply this to their own writing.

Key Skills:

- Writing a thesis.
- Writing about dramatic devices.
- Writing about multiple interpretations.

KS4 links:

 Students will explore key themes such as individual morality, persecution and subversion of gender norms which will lay the foundations for their study of Macbeth, Jekyll and Hyde and An Inspector Calls at KS4.

Of Mice and Men

In this unit, students explore themes of gender, power, and identity. Through the character of Curley's Wife, they will understand how the portrayal of women in literature has changed over time as compared with the presentation of Juliet by Shakespeare in their Y8 module. Through the microcosm of the ranch, students will come to understand that the strive for power is part of the human condition, which will deepen their understanding of characters such as Macbeth, Dr. Jekyll and Arthur Birling in their KS4 modules. They will also consider how the characters' struggle to forge their own identity in a society where they are limited by their race, gender or social status.

Key Skills:

- Learn how to write about symbols and motifs in literature.
- Learn how to write about a writer's structural choices.

KS4 links:

 Central themes of power, conflict, identity and gender which will appear in Macbeth, Jekyl & Hyde, An Inspector Calls and Power & Conflict poetry.

A Study of Rhetoric

In this unit, students will build on the oracy skills they have developed in years 7&8 with a focus on presentational speaking. Students will learn the key elements of great rhetoric and how to manipulate them for different types of presentational speaking.

Key Skills:

- Composition of presentational speech.
- Fluency in presentational speech.
- Projection, intonation and gesture in presentational speech.

KS4 Links:

- Students' study of rhetoric will give them a greater understanding of non-fiction writing and its purpose, preparing them for Language Paper 2 in KS4.
- Students will develop non-fiction writing skills which will support them in Language Paper 2, Section B.
- Students will develop their oracy skills which will build their confidence and support them in their Spoken Language assessment in KS4.

Introduction to Gothic and Victorian Literature

In this unit, students will continue to explore the central themes of power, gender and identity through their study of Victorian Gothic Literature. They will explore how these stories often depict a battle between light and darkness, showcasing the moral struggles and sinister forces the characters face. They will gain an understanding of how authors us Gothic conventions such as eerie settings, supernatural elements, and psychological horror to create an atmosphere of suspense and mystery. Students will understand how writers use these elements to convey deeper messages about human nature and society.

Key Skills:

- Writing about literary conventions.
- Writing about symbols and motifs.
- Writing about structure.

KS4 Links:

 Students will gain an understanding of Victorian context which will give them a solid foundation on which to understand the context

Revision for End of Year Exams and continuation of Gothic and Victorian Literature

In this unit, students will continue their study of gothic literature whilst revising for their end of year exams.

Term 1	2	 Refining analytical skills. Revisiting and revising thesis construction. 	4	in which Stevenson wrote Jekyll and Hyde. • Students will understand Gothic Literary Conventions which will prepare them for their study of Jekyll and Hyde.	6
In this unit, students we about the themes of porgender, and identity the lens of Shakespeare's refamous tragedy. They we explore how the pursue power leads to ambition corruption, and moral as seen in Macbeth's transformation from a warrior to a tyrannical. They will also explore the of gender; particularly Lady Macbeth's manipuland subversion of Jacongender norms. Additional students will analyse her characters struggle with identities, as Macbeth's self deteriorates under paranoia. Key Skills: Writing about her context and how shapes writer's and message. Constructing a self-witing about last meaning.	essential skills in reading and writing. They will learn to analyse and interpret unseen fiction texts, focusing on understanding the writer's use of language, structure, and form to create effects and convey meaning. Additionally, students will practice descriptive and narrative writing, honing their ability to craft engaging, coherent, and imaginative pieces. This unit enhances critical thinking and comprehension which will also serve them in their study of the literature texts. It will also allow them to use their imagination and express themselves creatively; an essential skill both in the classroom and beyond. Key skills: Writing analytically about a fiction text Lindoustending hourts	about the themes of class, gender and equality through the lens of Priestley's political play. Students will use their understanding of the historical context of the play, alongside their understanding of key political concepts to evaluate the treatment and attitude of characters within the play. They will learn how to evaluate the actions of certain characters and then apply this to our modernday society by considering: what makes a fair society? How do we achieve equality within society? They will practise the skill of weaving this contextual knowledge into their analysis of how a character is presented and whether they change across a text. Key skills:	In this unit, students will utilise their developed critical analysis skills to delve into the Victorian novella 'The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde'. Students will explore how Stevenson builds tension throughout the story by considering the narrative development and characterisation. Students will explore some of the key aspects of contextual influence: including Victorian repression, class conflict and attitudes towards science/religion. Students will purposefully unpick extracts and use of language in order to comment on the construction of an intentional message by Stevenson and practise the skill of drawing links between the extract and whole text. Key skills: • Writing about historical context and how this shapes writer's meaning and message. • Constructing a thesis. • Writing about layers of meaning.	Jekyll and Hyde + Literature skills In this unit, students will continue their study of Jekyll and Hyde. In the second half of this unit, students will begin revisiting Macbeth to prepare for their end of year and exam. Students will also continue to develop their literature essay skills through independent practise.	At the start of this term, students will revisit Macbeth, Jekyll and Hyde and Language paper 1 to prepare them for their end of year assessments. After the assessments, students will complete their speaking and listening presentations for the AQA spoken language endorsement. These will allow students to put their persuasive writing skills into practise and develop their presentational skills. Key Skills: Composition of presentational speech. Fluency in presentational speech. Projection, intonation and gesture in presentational speech.

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		How to convey meaning				
		through descriptive				
		writing				
Year 11	Power and Conflict Poetry	Language Paper 2	Literature Paper 2 Revision	Literature Paper 1 Revision	Revision of GCSE Language and	
					<u>Literature.</u>	
	In this unit, students will be	In this unit, students will develop	Students will revise key	Students will revise key		
	exposed to a range of poetry	critical skills in analysing and	knowledge for An Inspector	knowledge for Jekyll and Hyde,	Interleaving of all texts, skills and	
	from 17 th Century to the modern	comparing non-fiction texts.	Calls, Power and Conflict poetry	and Macbeth. The focus of this	strategies. The focus areas will	
	day. They will explore how poets	They will learn to identify and	and unseen poetry. The focus of	module is to refine essay writing	be based on weaknesses in	
	use form, structure and language	evaluate the writer's viewpoints	this module is to refine essay	skills and to build students'	mocks taken this year.	
	to express themselves and	and perspectives, understanding	writing skills and to build	confidence to write thoughtfully		
	convey ideas around the central	how language and structure are	students' confidence to write	and coherently in timed		
	theme of power and conflict.	used to influence and inform	thoughtfully and coherently in	conditions.		
		readers. Additionally, students	timed conditions.			
	Students will gain an	will practice writing to present				
	understanding of the context in	their own viewpoints, crafting	Key skills:	Key skills:		
	which a poem is written and why	well-structured arguments,				
	a writer might choose to write in	letters, articles, and other	 Writing about historical 	 Writing about historical 		
	this particular time period. They	persuasive texts. This	context and how this	context and how this		
	will build upon their knowledge	preparation enhances their	shapes writer's meaning	shapes writer's meaning		
	of context from previous texts	ability to critically engage with	and message.	and message.		
	and their understanding of poetic	real-world issues, improve their	 Constructing a thesis. 	 Constructing a thesis. 		
	features.	argumentative writing, and	 Writing about layers of 	 Writing about layers of 		
		become more effective	meaning when analysing	meaning when analysing		
		communicators.	language.	language.		
	Key skills:					
	 Reading for meaning 	Key skills:				
	 Understanding a writer's 	 Reading and decoding 				
	intention	non-fiction texts				
	 Writing about a text as a 	 Learning how to identify 				
	construct	key language and				
	 Learning how language 	structural features in a				
	shapes meaning	poem				
	Understanding how form	Learning how to explain				
	and structure can be	the impact of the				
	used to shape meaning	different language and				
	 Learning how to compare 					
	the perspective of	poem.				
	different poets	Learning about how				
	different poets	writer's use different				
		language structure and form to present their				
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		message				

Term	1	2	3	4	5	6
Year 12	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Topic</u>
	<u>Skills</u>				<u>Skills</u>	
Year 13						

Impact:

Assessment: Progress will be measured through the fortnightly language mini mocks; which teachers will give one-page feedback on (all key stages) and grade for KS4. Every fortnight, teachers will have a 90-minute feedback lesson to address misconceptions seen in marking and give students an opportunity to redraft their work based on feedback given. As well as this, students will sit a graded assessment at two points across the year. This will be a United Learning Reading and Writing assessment for KS3, an AQA Language/Literature paper for KS4 and an OCR Literature past paper for KS5. The results from this will be shared with students and used to inform necessary intervention and set changes.

Homework:

Across KS3, homework focusses on building reading skills and improving students' reading ages. All KS3 students will be building their reading skills through the use of the Sparx Reader programme, which will broaden their vocabulary alongside their lessons.

Y10 – In Y10, students will continue to use Sparx reader, alongside the online platform Seneca where students will revisit key literature knowledge from lessons to support them with their revision. Before assessment periods, students will also have an additional piece of written homework to help prepare them for their exams.

Y11 – In Y11, students will continue to use the online platform Seneca to revise key literature content. They will also have weekly quotations to learn which they will be tested on in the memory platform of a lesson once a week. Students will also be given a weekly literature task to complete independently to support their revision.