

# The Holy Trinity Church of England Secondary School







English – Curriculum Guide

#### WHOLE SCHOOL CURRICULUM INTENT STATEMENT

#### **Curriculum Intent:**

- As a Church of England School, we are committed to the belief that every child is a child of God – uniquely blessed with individual gifts and talents. The intention of our curriculum is to provide opportunities for all students to flourish, drawing out their individual potential and developing them as fully integrated human beings. Our curriculum reflects our Christian ethos and is designed to be challenging, fulfilling, enjoyable and successful for all, regardless of academic or social barriers.
- The curriculum is designed with the intention of being rich and balanced, giving a breadth of opportunity at Key Stage 3 supporting the development of the skills needed to succeed at Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5. Key Stage 4 has a core which includes RS GCSE for all, alongside both academic and vocational courses. Key Stage 5 provides appropriate pathways for the majority of students to progress to, and allows students to prepare for further study and the world of work. Alongside this, students are provided with a broad enrichment and work-related offer that stimulates their aspirations as global citizens resilient in the face of difficulty, skillful when faced with new challenges, confident to step out into the unknown and assured of their individual selfworth and of the unique gifts that they each have to bring to the world.

# We review our curriculum on a yearly basis and consider the following principles. We believe our curriculum should:

- Embody the school vision which is to be a centre of excellence for learning, inspired by Christian values, where every person in our school community fulfils their potential.
- Provide a broad and balanced range of subjects, including those that are creative and practical, at all Key Stages.
- Include opportunities in a range of both academic and vocational courses at Key Stages 4&5.
- Ensure Religious Studies sits alongside Maths, English and Science as a Core subject which every student will take up to GCSE level.

- Ensure that every student has the opportunity to develop their character through a variety of experiences within REACH, PE, and the Creative Arts.
- Be coherent and sequential so that new knowledge and skill builds on what has been taught, both within an individual subject and across the wider curriculum.
- Be informed by educational research e.g. Growth Mindset (Carol Dweck) and Feedback Loop (John Hattie).
- Acknowledge our contextual needs by giving a high priority to increasing students' mastery of functional literacy, vocabulary and numeracy to maximise students' opportunities for future learning and employment.
- Provide opportunities for learning outside of the classroom. At KS<sub>3</sub> this is being embedded through the concept of a 'Passport'; a collection of co-curricular experiences that every student will have experienced.
- Make explicit links to future career pathways alongside a programme of advice and guidance based on the Gatsby benchmarks to prepare students for life and work.
- Ensure effective transitions at all key stages; from Year 6 to Year 7, Year 9 to Year 10 and Year 11 to Year 12.
- Meet statutory National Curriculum expectations.

# **Whole School Curriculum Principles:**

- Our curriculum is structured in a logical and chronological manner.
- Leaders carefully plan to ensure that appropriate knowledge and skills build upon what has been taught previously and are carefully developed before application into more challenging and complex situations, appropriate to the different curricular end points. These skills are recognised as the 'big ideas' within each subject area.
- Knowledge is considered as a 'big idea' within all subject areas.
   We are developing our understanding of cognitive psychology to enable students to maximise their learning potential. This is best seen through the regular opportunities provided within subject areas to revisit knowledge acquired to enable improved retention and recall.
- Our curriculum runs within a two-week timetable made up of 50 periods a fortnight, with 5 x 1 hour lessons plus assembly and Tutor time every day.
- Each day begins at 8.45am with registrations, assemblies and a period of reflection and students are dismissed from this regular timetable at 3.10pm.
- There are a range of additional activities such as study studio and numerous co-curricular opportunities which take place after this time on a daily basis.

# **Whole School Learning Principles:**

- Progress at Holy Trinity is informed by 'Accelerated Learning'
  which emphasises efficiency by engaging learners in order to
  speed up the process of learning. It enables students to commit
  knowledge to their long-term memory and develop and refine
  their skills and performance over time.
- This in turn supports the OFSTED definition of learning; "Learning is defined as an alteration in long-term memory. If nothing has altered in long-term memory nothing has been learned".

## **Subject Intent Statement- English:**

- As a core subject, our KS<sub>3</sub> and KS<sub>4</sub> curriculum builds towards every student achieving a GCSE in English Language and Literature. Our A Level provision includes English Literature, English Language and Literature and Media Studies where we offer the two-year full A level curriculum along with provision for retaking English Language GCSE for those who did not achieve a grade 4.
- Our team work collaboratively to produce a rich and diverse curriculum which we regularly review. We aim to ensure that the delivery of key reading, writing, speaking and listening skills are balanced with wider literary and linguistic knowledge.
- We have a series of long and medium term plans which give students and parents an overview of the curriculum, outlining the skills that students are learning at each stage and identifying key assessments. There are trackers along with reading and writing marking criteria at the front of every student's book so that students can follow their progress. These use student-friendly language and feed into DIRT lessons to ensure that the skills improve and develop over time.
- We have developed a curriculum that is coherent and sequential, so that each year of KS<sub>3</sub> builds on the skills taught in the previous year. The curriculum is both distinct from the restraints of the KS<sub>4</sub> curriculum, but also a secure preparation for the demands of GCSE skills and knowledge.
- Our KS<sub>3</sub> curriculum builds on sequential knowledge of the literary heritage and on increasing cultural awareness, diversity and identity. We also place a big emphasis on reading for pleasure. Skills such as language analysis, evaluation and comparison are developed progressively and tested regularly in reading assessments. By the start of KS<sub>4</sub>, students have been deeply immersed in all the required skills and assessment objectives of the GCSE qualification.
- We have a designated intervention teacher who supports Yr 7 to 11 students with focused literacy skills. We ensure that functional literacy is a realistic achievement for all, regardless of background and ability, by ensuring support groups are offered at KS<sub>3</sub> and at

KS4 where options are reduced for less able students to concentrate on basic English skills (the Cambridge group). We offer an extensive programme of small group intervention at KS4 and our provision has recently increased to include LSA support at KS5 for the GCSE retake group.

- Our curriculum for KS3 includes a weekly library lesson in which students undertake a wide range of literacy activities as well as reading. Bedrock learning is a regular homework activity to build vocabulary in year 7&8. We follow the Accelerated Reader programme in years 7&8 and students use their ZPD reading range to select books appropriate to their reading levels. We love language and have displays of key vocabulary and terminology lists in all the English classrooms. Elements of numeracy are delivered in all of our schemes, for example through the study of poetic patterns and metres, thinking logically and systematically in critical responses to texts, and through the use of graphs, charts and Venn diagrams to record ideas.
- Students study aspects of the British and world literary heritage throughout KS<sub>3</sub> and KS<sub>4</sub> and through our Cultural Capital Days are given opportunities to take part in enrichment activities beyond what they would normally do in a classroom: off-site trips, author visits, theatre group visits, workshops etc.
- Careers awareness is developed through learning and development of literacy and oral communication skills. We also regularly look at aspects of specific careers in our English and Media lessons and in enrichment activities. Opportunities include taking part in national events in media such as the BBC Young Reporters, providing experience of management and production of a whole-school project. Young writers are encouraged through competitions such as the Henry Williamson Competition and the Commonwealth essay writing competition. Due to our proximity to London, enrichment is offered through theatre and cultural visits, such as visiting the BFI and the British Library, as well as conferences through the EMC.
- We are continually reviewing and updating our curriculum to reflect the diversity of our intake, with the inclusion of novels and texts that reflect different cultures and life experiences. We

are developing a more effective homework programme to support our students' learning. Experienced teachers routinely work with newly and recently teachers to support them in developing their expertise.

• Intrinsic to study of all literature is the moral and spiritual development of our students which reflects the Christian ethos of the school.

#### **Curriculum Intent Statement:**

English forms the basis for our personal development, relationships and our understanding of the world around us. The study of English is fundamental in helping students to communicate effectively and fluently in written and spoken form and is the foundation for all our learning. We believe passionately in fostering a love of learning and the joy of reading literature for their own sake. English is also the means by which students develop as literate individuals who are able to think critically and empathically about challenging ideas. Our goal is to prepare all our students to become valuable participants in the world of work, successfully navigating adult life and making significant contributions to the wider community.

# **Curriculum Principles:**

- Through our delivery of the National Curriculum, we will ensure that all students fulfil their potential in reading, writing, speaking and listening skills.
- We will support basic literacy for all those who need it and enable them to leave school with functional literacy as the very minimum.
- We will stretch and challenge the most able to attain a degree of independence beyond the expectations of the curriculum.

# Key Stage 3:

 KS<sub>3</sub> will offer a wide spectrum of learning experiences in English which cover the core skills in reading, writing, speaking and listening.

- The curriculum is designed to introduce all students to a range of texts from the Literary Heritage and contemporary fiction and non-fiction
- Each year builds upon and extends the students' understanding of literature in greater depth and complexity, and promotes a greater understanding of context.
- We are committed to providing a diversity of experience in the texts that we deliver to ensure representation of our demographic and local community.
- We will foster a love of independent reading through providing different opportunities to read individually and as a class.
- We provide students with a wide range of opportunities to write for a range of purposes and audiences, including 'real' audiences.
- Our aim is to enable our students to become confident and independent writers in all genres. Regular 200 word writing tasks will instil good writing habits and practice.
- In conjunction with writing practice, we will ensure improved technical accuracy along with vocabulary development and editing skills.
- In Years 7&8, the Bedrock homework programme will develop vocabulary at differentiated levels, depending on the students' individual needs.
- We promote the confidence of students in their oral skills to help them become fluent speakers in different contexts, including small and large group discussion, and formal presentations to an audience.
- During Year 9, we build on the broad curriculum of Year 7 and 8 and introduce a sharper focus on explicit GCSE skills and knowledge in preparation for students' entry to KS4.

- Throughout KS<sub>3</sub>, we ensure students understand how they can make progress through the use of explicit marking criteria and Dedicated Improvement and Reflection Time activities. We foster a growth mindset outlook in students to enable them to reach their potential.
- At the end of KS<sub>3</sub>, they will be ready for GCSE study and familiar with much of the language and terminology of KS<sub>4</sub>.

## Key Stage 4:

- In KS4, we follow the Edexcel GCSE English Language and English Literature specifications and teach them in a combined course for out current year 11s. Year 10s (and all subsequent GCSE students) are studying the AQA syllabi for these courses.
- All students study: 'Macbeth', 'An Inspector Calls', conflict poetry. Within the requirements of the specification, teachers are able to reflect their expertise and enthusiasm in their choice of 19<sup>th</sup> Century novel: 'Jekyll and Hyde' or 'A Christmas Carol'
- We are committed to building upon and extending students' understanding of literature in greater depth and complexity, and developing a greater understanding of the texts in their wider context.
- We have designed an extensive and sequential homework programme to improve the students' English Language skills and independent learning. This has been differentiated to meet the needs of all our students in regularly reviewing their learning and progress.
- We continue to provide students with a wide range of opportunities to write for a range of purposes and audiences beyond the curriculum, including 'real' audiences.
- In conjunction with writing practice, we promote improved technical accuracy, vocabulary development and editing skills as a framework for proofreading.

- We personalise the curriculum, giving students choices in their learning; the Spoken Language Endorsement gives them the opportunity to independently research and present their critical perspective on a topic of their choice.
- We use regular assessment, including formal PPEs and regular informal assessments, to ensure that students are ready for their examinations and are familiar with the assessment objectives. Revision provides an opportunity to secure their knowledge, whilst the examination familiarises them with the experience of formal assessment.
- At the end of KS<sub>4</sub>, students will be prepared for their next stage of personal development, with at least adult functional literacy skills and the ability to communicate well orally.
- We offer a high level of challenge and the opportunity for the most able students to extend their GCSE performance and prepare for A level through a programme of 7-UP intervention.

## Key Stage 5:

- We offer three A Levels: the Edexcel English Literature and the English Language and Literature specifications, as well as Eduqas Media Studies.
- We offer a GCSE retake course with a strong focus on English Language exam skills using Edexcel's English Language Lift 2 course. Students are given the opportunity to retake exams in November and, if unsuccessful, again in June. Retake students are offered LSA support to help them achieve grade 4 or above.
- We follow the Sixth Form 996 principle to support the development of students' independence at A Level.
- We continue to use Dedicated Improvement and Reflection Time with the 6<sup>th</sup> Form in order to teach them critical and selfevaluation skills, just as we do in KS<sub>3</sub>&<sub>4</sub>.
- All three A Levels contain a coursework element which allows us to encourage the maximum amount of independent choice and critical and creative expression.

- Regular assessment, both in class and through independent study, help to ensure that students have a secure knowledge of the course content and examination requirements.
- At the end of KS<sub>5</sub>, students will be prepared for either further education, training or employment.

#### YEAR 7 LTP 2022-23: CHARACTERS AND EXPERIENCES

Weeks: 7&7, 6&6, 6&7

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	UNIT	FOCUS	ASSESSMENTS
A 1	THE ARRIVAL TRANSITION 1 week	<ul> <li>Link students who attended to holiday club to those who didn't</li> <li>Explore themes of new places, emotions involved</li> </ul>	Х
	LETTER TO TEACHER 1 week	<ul><li>revise conventions of letter writing &amp; formal</li><li>English</li><li>TIPTOPS paragraphing</li></ul>	Write a letter to your teacher
	TELLING TALES 5 weeks	<ul> <li>presentation of characters &amp; their experiences</li> <li>early literature across the world</li> <li>compare different types of stories: myths, fairytales, folktales</li> <li>how fairytales/myths etc are modernised</li> </ul>	WRITING: Describe your own monster
A 2	NOVEL STUDY 7 weeks	<ul> <li>Start with a Fast Read – recommended to do with partner teacher if class is split</li> <li>How a character changes through a text</li> <li>Comprehension and following a plot</li> </ul>	READING: How does the writer present character X's development in the text?
S p 1	CREATING CHARACTERS 7 weeks	<ul> <li>descriptive techniques</li> <li>choosing appropriate quotations</li> <li>how a writer creates different types of characters: caricature, villain, hero, comic, giants/monsters</li> <li>understand something of Victorian writing</li> </ul>	READING: How does the writer create a powerful sense of character in an extract?
S p 2	SCIENCE- FICTION 6 weeks	<ul><li>DAFORREST</li><li>creative thinking</li><li>how to deliver a presentation</li><li>introduce idea of setting</li></ul>	WRITING CHALLENGE: Character's diary entry  S&L: group presentation about a sci-fi setting
S u 1	NOVEL/MODER N PLAY 6 weeks	- Start with a Fast Read – recommended to do with partner teacher if class is split - how writers present a character's development across a long text - how characters deal with experiences - conventions of a playscript (if applicable) - conventions of a monologue	WRITING: Write a character's monologue
S u 2	POETRY 6 weeks	<ul> <li>how the theme is presented in poetry across the ages</li> <li>different poetic forms &amp; revise poetic techniques from yr6</li> <li>introduce new poetic terminology</li> <li>revisit parts of speech</li> <li>concept of speaker and persona in poetry</li> </ul>	READING: Show does the writer present a persona in this poem?
	BOOK BUZZ 1 week	<ul><li>reading for pleasure</li><li>develop independent reflection &amp; active</li><li>reading skills</li><li>effective collaborative work</li></ul>	X

# YEAR 8 LTP 2022-23: TIME AND PLACE (also include character and experience) WEEKS: 7&7, 6&6, 6&7

	UNIT	FOCUS	ASSESSMENTS
A 1	TRAVEL & ADVENTURE WRITING INCLUDE FAST READ OF 'LARK' 7 weeks	<ul> <li>intro theme of setting (time &amp; place)</li> <li>concept of literary non-fiction</li> <li>explore setting in 'Lark'</li> <li>historical contexts</li> <li>conventions of article writing</li> </ul>	WRITING: Write an article about a place
A 2	SHORT STORIES 5 weeks	<ul> <li>story structures</li> <li>flashbacks</li> <li>explore different settings, how they impact character/plot etc</li> <li>how writers create settings</li> </ul>	READING: How does the writer use setting to create tension?
	'A CHRISTMAS CAROL' Ladybird book/film 2 weeks	<ul> <li>Victorian England: workhouses, poverty etc</li> <li>presentation of the supernatural, redemption</li> <li>ghost story tradition</li> </ul>	WRITING: Describe a celebration
S p 1	NOVEL STUDY 6 weeks	<ul> <li>Start with a Fast Read – recommended to do with partner teacher if class is split</li> <li>Impact of different settings on extended text</li> </ul>	READING: How does the writer use setting?
S p 2	GOTHIC 6 weeks	<ul><li>history of gothic literature</li><li>conventions of gothic</li><li>study whole gothic text and/or selection of texts</li></ul>	WRITING: Describe a gothic setting, based in picture choices
S u 1	WAR POETRY 6 weeks	<ul> <li>how writers present setting</li> <li>how setting impacts characters</li> <li>revise poetic devices</li> <li>analytical skills and zooming in on language</li> </ul>	READING: How does the poet create a powerful setting in a poem?
S u 2	SHAKESPEAR E'S COMEDY 3/4 weeks	<ul> <li>consider how the concept of comedy has changed</li> <li>study of 'The Tempest' considering characterisation and setting</li> </ul>	READING: low-stakes quiz about the text studied
	SPEECHES 3/4 weeks	<ul><li>AFORREST &amp; other rhetorical devices</li><li>structuring a speech</li><li>how to deliver a speech</li></ul>	WRITING CHALLENGE: Draft speech text peer/self- assessed
			S&L: deliver speech

# $YEAR\ 9\ LTP\ 2022-23:$ PERSPECTIVES AND CONTEXT (and include time and place, character and experience)

WEEKS: 7&7, 6&6, 6&7

	UNIT	FOCUS AND SPaG	ASSESSMENTS
A 1 A 1	THE DANGER OF THE SINGLE STORY 2 weeks NOVEL/ MODERN PLAY	<ul> <li>introduce concepts of context and perspectives</li> <li>analysing Aristotle's rhetorical appeals</li> <li>discussion about stereotyping</li> <li>how writers present characters and setting</li> <li>how writers convey character and narrator</li> </ul>	WRITING: Write a short persuasive piece using logos, ethos and pathos.  READING: How does the
& A 2	5+2 weeks	perspectives	writer present x's perspective?
A 2	EDUCATION FEVER 5 weeks	<ul> <li>how to debate</li> <li>reading non-fiction and identifying a writer's perspective</li> <li>introduction to AQA language paper 2 reading</li> </ul>	READING: AQA Language P2 question
S p 1	POETRY IN CONTEXT 6 weeks Eg relationships	<ul><li>comparing poems</li><li>analysing quotations</li><li>connectives to compare &amp; contrast</li><li>conceptualised thinking</li></ul>	READING: comparison of how 2 poems present a theme, including writers' contexts.
S p 2	TALES WITH A TWIST 6 weeks	<ul> <li>narrative voice</li> <li>the unreliable narrator (Tell-Tale Heart)</li> <li>story structures &amp; structural features - exam preparation – Lang P1 reading</li> <li>exam revision techniques</li> </ul>	WRITING: write your own short story using a choice of prompts
S u 1	GCSE SHAKESPEARE 7 weeks	<ul><li>Shakespeare's context</li><li>Modern-day responses to Shakespeare</li><li>Shakespeare's characters</li></ul>	EOY exam: Language P1 Q1-4 Low stakes quiz about terminology
S u 2	PERSUASIVE SPEECH AND EOY EXAM (FORMAL GCSE ENGLISH COURSE STARTS HERE) 6 weeks	<ul> <li>analysing some speeches</li> <li>recap Aristotle's pathos, logos, ethos</li> <li>research skills</li> <li>structuring a speech</li> <li>rhetorical devices</li> </ul>	WRITING: Peer/self-assess drafted speeches S&L: Speech formally assessed by teacher for GCSE English Language

# Year 10 Programme of Study wef September 2022 (AQA GCSE course)

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
8 weeks	7 weeks	6 weeks	6 weeks	6 weeks	7 weeks
An Inspector	Jekyll &	<u>Poetry</u>	<u>Poetry</u>	Lang Paper 2:	Revision of
<u>Calls</u>	Hyde/Christm	Anthology &	Anthology &	Cycle 1	INSP CALLS &
Read the Play	as Carol	unseen	unseen	Section A & B	POETRY
Introduction	Read the	Cover 6 poems	(3 weeks) 6	Crossover of	walkthrough
to key	novel.	(3 weeks)	poems	skills for Q3	
characters	Introduction			language.	<b>Revision</b> of
and themes.	to key	Lang paper 1:		Introduce	Lang Paper 1
1912 context.	characters and	A Cycle 1	Lang paper 1:	comparison	Section A & B
	themes.	Reading (3	B Cycle 1	Qs	
	Victorian	weeks)	Writing (3		Exams: Lang
	context		weeks)		Paper 1 & Lit
				<b>Revision</b> of	Paper 2
				INSPECTOR	
				CALLS &	<u>S&amp;L</u>
				POETRY	<u>Assessment</u>
					<u>Prep</u>
Assessment	<u>Assessment</u>	Assessment	<u>Assessment</u>	Assessment	Assessment
Timed essay	J&H/Christmas	Poetry	Unseen	**Revision	Y10 PPEs w/c
practice on	Carol Essay	Anthology	Poetry	and timed	26 <sup>th</sup> June
character		essay		practice as	
question.			Lang Paper 1	req.	<u>S&amp;L</u>
		Lang Paper 1	Section B	TBC	Assessment
		Section A		 	

# Year 11 (2022-2023 only – Edexcel GCSE course)

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
7 weeks	7 weeks	6 weeks	6 weeks	6 weeks	7 weeks
Jekyll &	Paper 2 Lang:	<u>Revise</u>	Revisit	Revision	
Hyde/A	Section A & B	<u>Macbeth</u>	INSPECTOR	Final revision	
<u>Christmas</u>	(3 weeks)	(3 weeks)	CALLS (2	and any	
Carol			weeks)	catchup areas.	
	Revision of			Walkthroughs	
Introduction,	<b>Unseen Poetry</b>	<u>Poetry</u>		and DIRT	
key themes,	and 2 named	Anthology &	Revisit Paper		
characters	poems	unseen	1 Section A &		
and context	(2 weeks)	poetry skills	<u>B</u>		
		(3 weeks)	(2 weeks)		
	(2 weeks for				
	exams)		Revisit		
			J&H/ACC		
			(2 weeks)		
<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Exams</u>	
J&H/ACC	Y11 PPEs w/c 5 <sup>th</sup>	Poetry	**Revision	Dates TBC	
essay	Dec	anthology and	and timed		
		unseen poetry	practice as		
	Paper 2 Lang &	comparison	req.		
	Paper 2 Lit		TBC		

# Curriculum Overview for Year 12 and 13: A Level Language and Literature

Ye	ar 12 & 13 Combined A Level	Language and Literatu	re
Exam Board & course title/code	Exam Board & course title/code	Date of Exam	% of Total Exam
Edexcel 9ELO	Unit 1: 9ELO/01 Voices in Speech & Writing	Summer - Year 13	40%
Edexcel 9ELO	Unit 2: 9ELO/02 Varieties in Language & Literature	Summer - Year 13	40%
Edexcel 9ELO	Unit 3: 9ELO/01 Investigating and Creating Texts	n/a coursework - final submission Easter Y13	20%
Key topics	Course cont	ent	Assessment
Autumn 1:  Course intro  Core skills  Fiction genre conventions	Unit 3: focus plus developing core skills: Introduction to and revision of: key concepts/terminology/essay writing skills/creative writing skills. Focus on exploring fiction texts and conventions and developing sophisticated writing techniques.  Y13 - concurrent independent study for coursework.  Unit 2: Introduction to and study of Othello		Preparation:  Reading texts independentl y and lesson preparation tasks  Exam questions: Range of past
Intro to Shakespear e and Othello			papers and sample assessment material  Coursework tutorials for Y13  Other assessments: Pair and group presentations

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Autumn 2:	Y12 and 13 combined:	Preparation:
	Continue with Unit 2 focus and building	B 1:
Coursework	skills.	Reading texts
focus	Y13 Individual tutorials and independent	independentl
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Othello	Y12 introduction to coursework with focus on	preparation
	non-fiction, explore a range of text types and	tasks
	experiment with independent writing skills	147° d a
	and developing voice.	Wider
	Y13 Redrafting continues.	reading
	V42 G 42	around their
	Y12 & 13 -	coursework
	Unit 2 continue with close study of Othello.	texts and
		their
		contexts;
		reading
		critical
		essays,
		journals etc
		linked to
		study of
		Shakespeare
		Creative
		writing tasks
		Regular essay
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Spring 1:	Unit 3:	Preparation:
C	Y12 -	Dan diam tanta
Commentar	Background reading and texts/plans	Reading texts
ies Non-	submitted for agreement	independentl
fictions	V12 G 12 developing key skills for critical	y and lesson
	Y12 & 13 - developing key skills for critical	preparation tasks
skills/genre	commentaries	LdSKS
conventions	Unit 1	Wider
Intro to		
Intro to	Y12 & 13 - begin The History Boys - intro to	reading
The History	context/genre/characterisation/dramatisatio	around their coursework
Boys	n	texts and
	PPC News Papart	their
	BBC News Report	contexts;
	Y13 mock exam - unit 2	reading
	113 Mock exam - unit 2	critical
		essays, journals etc
		linked to
		study of The
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		History Boys Y13 - revision
		of anthology
		texts
		Creative
		writing tasks
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	1	Regular essay
		submissions
Spring 2:	Y13 - Unit 2 final deadline Easter holidays Y12 - first draft of fiction coursework	Preparation:
Coursework focus The History Boys	Y13 Independent study of anthology texts, previously covered in Y12  Y12 & 13 - continue study of the History Boys, essay writing skills, use of passage based	Reading texts independentl y and lesson preparation tasks
	essay	Wider reading around their courswork texts and their contexts; reading critical essays, journals etc linked to study of The History Boys Y13 - revision of anthology texts
-		Regular essay submissions
Summer 1: Y13 revision	Y12 Intro to Great Gatsby - social/historical context Y12 - focus on non-fiction, working towards first draft of non-fiction coursework	Preparation:  Revision of core texts
Y12 Great Gatsby Prep	Y13 revision of anthology texts, comparative essay skills, approach to unseen texts	Practise essays
		Creative writing
Summer 2:	Y12 Mock exam - <b>Unit 1</b> Independent work on coursework Great Gatsby	Preparation:  Mock exam
	S. Cat Gatsby	Reading critical essays, journals etc linked to study of The Great Gatsby

Suggestions for independent study and home support: Wider reading of key texts - Othello, Great Gatsby, range of literary non-fiction, support texts for coursework

KEY SKILLS	Numeracy:	Other:
	1mm = 0.1cm 10mm = 1 cm	Communication Presentation Team work Independent skills Research development Time management
Literacy: Advanced writing skills, sentence structures, accurate spelling	Numeracy: Word counts	Other: Developing interpersonal skills by working in pairs and groups Developing understanding of people in different times and places through study of wide range of literary fiction and non-fiction

#### Careers

Careers awareness is developed through learning and development of the following skills: literacy and oral communication skills. Opportunities include taking part in national events in media such as the BBC Young Reporters, providing experience of management and production of a whole-school project. Young writers are encouraged through competitions such as the Henry Williamson Competition and the Commonwealth essay writing competition; there is micro-analysis and academic study of the use of linguistics and how to adapt the formality for various industries. Subject specific jobs and careers awareness is promoted at Pathways & Options evenings within English and Media Studies. Due to a proximity to London, enrichment is offered through theatre and cultural visits, such as visiting the BFI and the British Library, as well as conferences through the EMC.

# Curriculum Overview for Year 12: A Level Literature

Year 12 - English Literature GCE				
Exam Board & course title/code	Exam Board & course title/code	Exam Board & course title/code	Exam Board & course title/code	
Edexcel 9ETO	Unit 1: Drama	PPE January Yr 13 GCE summer Yr 13	30%	
Edexcel 9ETO	Unit 2: Prose	PPE January Yr 13 GCE summer Yr 13	20%	
Edexcel 9ETO	Unit 3: Poetry	PPE summer Yr 12 GCE summer Yr 13	30%	
	Unit 4: Coursework	Submission December Yr 13	20%	
Key topics	Course cont	ent	Assessment	
Autumn 1:	Review bridging work		Preparation:	
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Summer 2:  P1: Tennessee Williams - A Streetcar Named Desire  P4: Coursework	Study of a modern tragedy and its wider context  Research texts and genres, making choices of texts ahead of summer reading	Preparation:  Reading texts independently and lesson preparation tasks
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#### Suggestions for independent study and home support:

6<sup>th</sup> form section of LR1 including section of Tragedy

Recommended reading list in handbook

Recommended critics and websites: Mr Bruff, BBC Bitesize, the British library; the Guardian app.

York Notes for A level

Advanced editions of set texts for personal use (e.g. Cambridge editions)

Theatre visits

EMC magazines and emag login - for critical essays aimed at A level students

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#### Careers

Careers awareness is developed through learning and development of the following skills: literacy and oral communication skills. Opportunities include taking part in national events in media such as the BBC Young Reporters, providing experience of management and production of a whole-school project. Young writers are encouraged through competitions such as the Henry Williamson Competition and the Commonwealth essay writing competition; there is micro-analysis and academic study of the use of linguistics and how to adapt the formality for various industries. Subject specific jobs and careers awareness is promoted at Pathways & Options evenings within English and Media Studies. Due to a proximity to London, enrichment is offered through theatre and cultural visits, such as visiting the BFI and the British Library, as well as conferences through the EMC.

# Curriculum Overview for Year 13: A Level Literature

	Year 13 - English Literature GCE						
Exam Board & course title/code	Unit	Date of Exam	% of Total Exam				
Edexcel 9ETO	Unit 1: Drama	PPE January Yr 13 GCE summer Yr 13	30%				
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Edexcel 9ETO	Unit 3: Poetry	PPE summer Yr 12 GCE summer Yr 13	30%				
	Unit 4: Coursework	Submission December Yr 13	20%				
Key topics	Course	content	Assessment				
Autumn 1:  P1: Othello - complete study of the play (Acts 3-5) and study of Tragedy - A Critical Anthology (Othello section)  P1: A Streetcar Named Desire	Shakespearean tragedy and critical responses to the genre  Understand wider contexts of production and reception  Apply critical interpretations to tragedy  Study of a modern tragedy and its wider context		Preparation:  Reading texts independently and lesson preparation tasks  Exam questions Range of past papers and sample assessment material				
P4: Coursework - reading of critical texts and completion of comparative coursework essay draft	Independent study and preparation of coursework Understand critical concepts and terminology Making connections and comparisons Understanding wider contexts Independent research skills		Assessments Poetry - comparative critical essays Prose - critical essays  Other assessments: Pair and group presentations				

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Autumn 2	Independent study and	Preparation:
	preparation of coursework	
P4: Coursework -		Reading texts
tutorials and final		independently
submission		and lesson
		preparation tasks
	Study of a modern tragedy and	proparación casis
P1: Complete	its wider context	Wider reading
modern drama	its wider context	around the texts
text A Streetcar		and their
named Desire		contexts;
P3: Romantic		reading critical
poetry -Byron and	Poetry - understand genre	essays, journals
Shelley	features and conventions	etc
-	Develop unseen poetry skills	
P3: Further	,,, p,	regular essay
selected poems		submissions
from Poems of the		30011113310113
Decade		
Spring 1:	Backers and a state of	Preparation:
	Poetry - understand genre	
P3: Romantic	features and conventions	Reading texts
poetry - revision	Develop unseen poetry skills	independently
		and lesson
	Both Units 2 & 3:	preparation tasks
P3: Further	Understand critical concepts and	
selected poems	terminology	Wider reading
from Poems of the	Making connections and	around the texts
Decade	comparisons	and their
Decade		
	Understanding wider contexts	contexts;
	Independent research skills	reading critical
		essays, journals
		etc
		Regular essay
		submissions
Spring 2:		Preparation:
-	Revision, comparison and exam	·
P2: Prose Crime	skills	Reading texts
and Detection -		independently
revision		and lesson
I CY131011	Poviso Pomantic poetry studied	
	Revise Romantic poetry studied	preparation tasks
D2: D+	in yr 12 (Wordsworth, Blake,	
P3: Poetry revision	Keats)	
		Wider reading
	Revise Poems of the Decade	around the texts
	studied in Yr 12	and their
		contexts;
		reading critical
		essays, journals
		etc.
		rogular occay
		regular essay
Commence		submissions
Summer 1:		Preparation:

P1: Drama texts revision	Revision of Shakespearean tragedy and anthology of critics; revision of 20 <sup>th</sup> century tragedy	Focused exam skills
P3: Further	Tevision of 20 Century tragedy	
from Poems of the	Poetry - understand genre	
Decade	features and conventions	
	Develop unseen poetry skills	
Summer 2:		
EXAM STUDY	Revision sessions will be offered	
LEAVE	ahead of every paper	

### Suggestions for independent study and home support:

6th form section of LR1 including section of Tragedy

Recommended reading list in handbook

Recommended critics and websites: Mr Bruff, BBC Bitesize, the British library; the Guardian app.

York Notes for A level

Advanced editions of set texts for personal use (e.g. Cambridge editions)

Theatre visits

EMC magazines and emag login - for critical essays aimed at A level students

#### **KEY SKILLS**

Literacy:	Numeracy:	Other:
Genre-linked literary terminology AO1 - Critical style; vocabulary building; use of discourse markers SPAG	Poetic patterns and metre Venn diagrams Graphs	Communication Presentation Team work Independent skills Research development Time management

#### Careers

Careers awareness is developed through learning and development of the following skills: literacy and oral communication skills. Opportunities include taking part in national events in media such as the BBC Young Reporters, providing experience of management and production of a whole-school project. Young writers are encouraged through competitions such as the Henry Williamson Competition and the Commonwealth essay writing competition; there is micro-analysis and academic study of the use of linguistics and how to adapt the formality for various industries. Subject specific jobs and careers awareness is promoted at Pathways & Options evenings within English and Media Studies. Due to a proximity to London, enrichment is offered through theatre and cultural visits, such as visiting the BFI and the British Library, as well as conferences through the EMC.

# Curriculum Overview for Year 12 and 13: Media

Year 13 - Media Studies						
Exam Board & course title/code	Unit	Date of Exam	% of Total Exam			
WJEC Eduqas GCE A Level in MEDIA STUDIES	Component 1: Media Products, Industries and Audiences (Advertising, Newspapers, Film, Radio, Video Games)	PPE June Year 12 GCE June Year 13	35 %			
	Component 2: Media Forms and Products in Depth (TV, Magazine, Web)	PPE January Year 13 GCE June Year 13	35 %			
	Component 3: COURSEWORK Cross-Media Production	Submission: Spring Term 1 Year 13	30%			
Autumn 1			Preparation:			
TV Industry (ML, Rep, Media Industry, Audiences, theories)	Component 2, section A: Television in the Global Age ML, Rep, Media Industry, Audiences, theories Humans and The Returned		Reading texts independently and lesson preparation tasks			
Coursework	Component 3: Detaing the point of the point	Coursework: Production  Exam: Component 2, section A exam style response				
Autumn 2			Preparation:			
Magazine Industry	Component 2, section Magazines - Mainstro Alternative Media M	eam and	Reading texts independently			

(ML, Rep, Media Industry, Audiences, theories)	Media Industry, Audiences, theories Vogue, July 1965 and The Big	and lesson preparation tasks
Website Industry (ML, Rep, Media Industry, Audiences, theories)	Issue, Oct 17-23, 2016  Component 2, section C: Media in the Online Age ML, Rep, Media Industry, Audiences, theories Zoella and Attitude	Exam questions Component 2, Section B & C
Coursework	Ongoing production - re- shooting, re-drafting, editing/design/construction	exam style responses
Spring 1		Coursework:
Coursework	Final editing/design/ polish of entire cross-media production **COURSEWORK SUBMISSION**	Final submission to the exam
PPE PREPARATION	Component 2: Media Forms and Products in Depth - TV, Magazines, Websites	board for two cross-media pieces
		PPE exam
Spring 2:		Preparation:
Exam preparation Component 1, section A and B: Media Products, Industries and	Revision Component 1, section A & B: Advertising and marketing: Tide, WaterAid, Kiss of the Vampire Newspapers: The Daily Mirror, The Times	Reading texts independently and lesson preparation tasks
Audiences	Radio: Late Night Woman's Hour, Video Games: Assassin's Creed III Film: 1, Daniel Blake, Straight Outta Compton	Exam style responses
Summer 1:	·	Preparation:
Exam preparation Component 2, section A, B, C: Media Forms and Products in Depth	Revision Component 2, section A, B and C: TV: Humans, The Returned Magazines: Vogue, The Big Issue Websites: Zoella, Attitude	Reading texts independently and lesson preparation tasks
		Exam style responses
Summer 2:	**EXAM LEAVE**	. esponses

Literacy:
Mode of address
Media Language
Audio/technical/visual
codes
Evaluation

Numeracy: Percentages Statistics Probability articles Other:
Communication
Presentation
Team work
Independent skills
Research development
Time management

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# **Subject Assessment Reporting and Recording:**

#### The aim of marking students' work is to:

- Let students know what they need to do to improve in order to set realistic but challenging goals and targets.
- Monitor students' progress and give them an indication of their level of achievement.
- Provide information for parents about students' progress.
- Acknowledge achievement and know where to direct intervention

# The English Area will achieve these aims by planning the following types of assessment into their schemes of work:

- Formative/diagnostic what do students need to do to improve?
- Summative recording of overall achievement/attainment at critical points, e.g. end
  of term/unit assessments which are moderated and then recorded in student
  trackers

As a result of these assessments, teachers will adjust their lesson plans and schemes of work and identify those students in need of intervention.

#### Teachers will record marks in order to:

- monitor progress over time.
- provide accurate historic information for students/parents/other teachers.
- provide evidence to support reporting and target setting.

Marks should be accessible to Line Managers and will be recorded in an electronic mark book on SIMS.

#### In order to support these aims:

• Teachers will access baseline data, attendance and other information such as SEND, EAL, PP and HA in order to inform their planning and teaching.

## **Key Responsibilities**

#### The responsibilities of Students

- Students must complete the trackers at the front of their books when work is returned to them, recording their marks.
- There should be a student response to the teacher comments which will indicate a positive and an area for improvement; students must take an action to complete the

PIA; it could be to do a task set by the teacher, redo a piece of work, to complete or improve the work they have already handed in, to check and learn some spellings, to do some more research, to complete a new task, or to set a new target to ensure future goals are understood.

• Student feedback may be completed in green pen if appropriate but may sometimes be produced on the computer.

#### The responsibilities of Teachers

- Work will be regularly marked by the teacher in a colour other than green.
- Homework will be checked (this could well be through self/peer assessment) and missing homework will be sanctioned.
- **Key Stage 3** units are specified in the linear plan. At least one reading and writing assessment will be formally assessed using PIA and used for DIRT improvement per half term. This allows for clear formative assessment. These assessments might incorporate peer/self –assessment prior to or following teacher assessment. The marking criteria for both Reading and Writing skills along with the learning progression ladders may be used to help students pinpoint specific areas for improvement. These assessments will identify student work in line with the progression ladders as:
  - Assured Skills
  - Controlled Skills
  - Sound Skills
  - General skills
  - Emerging skills
- Students will be able to identify clear targets for progression from level to level.
- **Key Stage 3** summative assessments will mirror progression to GCSE skills. End of year testing will ensure that developing skills in Reading and Writing are assessed using the Edexcel exams for KS<sub>3</sub> that follow the models of the final GCSE examinations. This also allows students to practise their unseen reading assessment skills as every examination incorporates unseen texts.
- Reporting of Key Stage 3 progress to parents will mirror the school's assessment descriptors – indicating progress towards end of year target grades and projections for GCSE.
- **Key Stage 4** linear plans fully identify assessment points. Assessments will be marked using exam board marks and levels. Students will use both the exam board criteria and/or the progression ladders to help identify individual targets for progression from level to level. Marks will be recorded on individual progress trackers.
- **Reporting of Key Stage 4** progress to parents will be in the form of GCSE descriptors 9-1 alongside a report of effort on classwork and homework. Moderated assessment points from the linear plans will form the basis of the judgements. Two judgements will be made at each of the data gathering points, one for English Language and one for

English Literature. These marks will sometimes be different from one another and reflect a student's stronger skill in one or the other subject. Intervention decisions will be made based upon these reported levels of progress in combination with data analysis of the assessment points within the department. Students who consistently fail to engage with classwork and homework will also be pinpointed for intervention even if their current attainment is acceptable.

- **Pre-public exams at KS4** Students will undertake an end of year exam in Year 10 (Language Paper 2) and four official PPEs during year 11 to reflect the final exams they must take at the end of the linear course. These exams will be sat in the hall in an official exam context with official timings to best replicate the exam experience.
- **Key Stage 5** Linear plans are in place for English Literature, English Language and Literature and Media Studies. These plans identify assessment points. As Key Stage 5 courses are shared between 2 (or 3) teachers, all marks are shared in the markbooks in the English shared area. Key Stage 5 students have folders in the classroom where assessments are kept prior to the exam revision period when marked essays are returned to students for revision. As courses are shared with at least one other person, regular moderation is essential. Marking of coursework drafts will be followed by individual tutorials with students ahead of the final submission.

**Pre-public exams at Key Stage 5** will be given in the official exam weeks. These exams will inform the reporting of progress.

• Reporting of Key Stage 5 Teachers will report on progress against targets set through ALIS or ALPS using a letter grade system. Students may negotiate an aspirational target with their teachers. Teachers will also report on effort in classwork and homework. As classes are shared, this reporting will need to be in cooperation with teachers agreeing the progress and reporting it together. This reported progress needs to reflect the marks in the shared markbook and any exams that have been completed alongside progress on coursework.

#### All Key Stages

- Teachers will use the PIA criteria when giving formative feedback at key assessment points. DIRT lessons will follow assessments during which students will complete the required Actions in green pen.
- The school marking codes should be used for Literacy Feedback within written work
- Moderation of assessments for all Key Stages will take place regularly in departmental time. A folder of moderated exemplars is currently being developed for all Key Stages in line with the new specifications. Regular data analysis takes place after each ADM sweep and KS Co-ordinators will identify any underachievement where intervention may be necessary.

# Three Year Data Overview:

# Breakdown of subject cohort

Year group	Total	% of PP	% of SEND	% of male	% of female	% of HA
	students	students	students	students	students	students
7	210	27%	17%	52%	48%	25%
8	210	29%	20%	52%	48%	52%
9	208	28%	25%	47%	53%	28%
10	210	23%	26%	48%	52%	28%
11	210	22%	25%	45%	55%	30%
12						
English Lang & Lit	12	17%	17%	0%	100%	8%
Media Studies	6	17%	17%	50%	50%	0%
13 English Lit						
English Lang &	5	ο%	ο%	20%	80%	80%
Lit	9	ο%	ο%	44%	56%	22%
Media Studies						
	9	ο%	11%	44%	56%	22%

## Past 4 years results

Year 11

English Language	2018	2019	2020	2021
Cohort number	204	198	208	212
% above target	20.1%	27.3%	25.5%	28.8%
% on target	24.5%	31.3%	34.6%	31.1%
% below target	55.4%	41.4%	39.9%	40.1%
English Literature	2018	2019	2020	2021
Cohort number	204	194	206	209
% above target	28.9%	32.5%	32.5%	22.5%
% on target	26.5%	30.9%	27.7%	30.6%
% below target	44.6%	36.6%	39.8%	46.9%

English Lang. & Lit. A level	2018	2019	2020	2021
Cohort number	15	6	3	13
% above target	6.7%	16.7%	ο%	30.8%
% on target	26.7%	50%	66.7%	38.5%
% below target	66.7%	33.3%	33.3%	30.8%
English Lit. A level	2018	2019	2020	2021
Cohort number	13	6	7	6
% above target	ο%	16.7%	42.9%	33.3%
% on target	23.1%	16.7%	28.6%	66.7%
% below target	76.9%	66.7%	28.6%	ο%
Media Studies A level	2018	2019	2020	2021
Cohort number	21	11	5	8
% above target	9.5%	9.1%	60%	37.5%
% on target	33.3%	45.5%	ο%	62.5%
% below target	57.1%	45.5%	40%	о%