



CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

English

Key Stage 3 Curriculum Milestones

By the end of Year 7, students will be able to:

Discuss and understand the following concepts:

- Emotion
- Morality
- Rhetoric
- Society
- Gothic

Reading skills:

- Comprehend explicit and implicit information
- Select effective quotations
- Understand a writer's viewpoint
- Make clear points when writing about a text
- Embed relevant context into their analytical responses
- Understand how characters are created

Writing skills:

- Use ambitious vocabulary in their creative writing
- Employ effective persuasive and descriptive devices
- Vary their sentence structure appropriately
- Create their own characters with depth

By the end of Year 8, students will be able to:

Discuss and understand the following concepts:

- Social class
- Injustice
- Tragedy
- Viewpoints

Reading skills

- Analyse writers' methods
- Analyse the effects of key words
- Explore key themes in texts
- Understand how writers use tone to create meaning

Writing skills:

- Use ambitious and sophisticated vocabulary in their creative writing
- Employ effective devices in their writing



- Vary their punctuation for effect
- Establish a clear tone and purpose

By the end of Year 9, students will be able to:

Discuss and understand the following concepts:

- Identity
- Gender
- Conflict
- Responsibility

Reading skills

- Analyse writers' use of structure
 - Analyse writers' purpose and intentions
- Explore texts analytically at a whole-text level

Writing skills:

- Use vocabulary consciously for a particular effect
- Use structural devices effectively
- Embed and craft sophisticated descriptive and persuasive devices
- Plan and structure an effective piece of creative writing

Key Stage 4 Curriculum Milestones

By the end of Year 11 students will be able to:

- Apply previous knowledge of concepts in reading and writing from KS3 to build the skills required for KS4 English Language and Literature.
- Explore key skills for analysis through both unseen texts and studied texts. They should be able to apply skills of analysis to any piece of text they have been given using the strategies explored in lessons.
- Write creatively using various techniques and strategies taught through schemes of work.
- Deliver a Spoken Language Assessment for their GCSE studies. This will be their final assessment as part of their NEA curriculum.
- Speak and write confidently about 'Macbeth', 'A Christmas Carol', 'An Inspector Calls' and 'Power and Conflict Poetry' in preparation for their GCSE English Literature.
- Analyse, evaluate and compare texts effectively for Language Paper 1 and Language Paper 2.

Key Stage 5 Curriculum Milestones

By the end of Year 13 students will be able to:

- Analyse texts critically whilst demonstrating a deep understanding of contextual factors
- Compare critical theories and issues surrounding different texts and discourses
- Understand high level subject terminology and be confident in incorporating this into their written work
- Appreciate, and be able to write at length about, attitudes to texts and changes over time