

Wollaston School: 2023/24 Curriculum Map for (*English*).
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Curriculum Aim and scope:

In English we study a range of challenging texts, across all key stages in order to develop the reading and writing skills that will encourage curiosity, enthusiasm and independence in our learners as both readers and writers. Reading is at the heart of all we do but the texts are supplemented by topics of study that encourage students to be inquisitive and to ask, and answer, provocative questions about the world around us. All lessons are underpinned with the core literacy skills necessary to be confident learners both in English but also across the school.

What are your aims for this subject?

For all students to leave in year 11 with a love of reading, exposure to writers from a range of backgrounds and secure literacy skills.

In line with the aims of the English National Curriculum, we aim to encourage students throughout KS3 to:

- Develop an appreciation and love of reading through the teaching of high-quality works covering a range of forms and authors.
- Read independently for challenge, interest and enjoyment.
- Develop an understanding of increasingly challenging texts and vocabulary.
- Develop creative, imaginative, and independent skills when inferring texts and producing their own forms of writing.
- Develop a critical understanding of how language works to create meaning for an audience.
- Develop independent opinions when analysing the work of others.
- Develop confidence and take risks in their work, experimenting with language to achieve different purposes and appeal to a variety of audiences.
- Develop a clear understanding of different forms and purposes of writing, and have the ability to demonstrate this in their own work.
- Proof-read and self-correct work with confidence.

| Year | Term | Unit | Description of what is being taught | Links to National Curriculum | Subject Specific Terminology and Key Words | Prior knowledge (including previous key stage/retrieval required | Assessment and Homework (How is the learning being checked- how do you know it is is being remembered? |
|--------|------|--|--|---|--|--|---|
| Year 7 | 1 | Theme: Setting Study of a modern novel: Trash | Students will learn about context and setting and its effect on the novel. They will start to develop skills in language analysis: inference and deduction writer's intentions, character perceptions, wider themes as well as being introduced to a range of forms and purpose of writing. | Links to Language Paper 1 – GCSE specification, allowing students to read, understand and analyse a text. Specific links to cultural capital and broader understanding and knowledge of different societies, worlds, and cultures. Students complete GCSE style tasks – listing, impressions, evaluate, descriptive writing. | Key words: Atmosphere, environment, surrounding, senses, ambiance, sensations, inference, context. | KS2 – Students will be able to effectively write for a range of purposes and audiences, selecting language that shows good awareness of the reader (e.g. the use of first person in a diary; direct address in instructions and persuasive writing.) Students arriving to KS3 should correctly spell most words from the Year 5/6 spelling list, use a dictionary to check the spelling of uncommon or more ambitious vocabulary. | Assessment: either Reading: extract based, how is mood and atmosphere is created through the description of the setting? Or Writing: Persuasive speech writing- Who's responsibility is it to help children living in dumpsites? |
| | 2 | Theme: Setting Continued Study of a modern novel: Trash | Students will learn about context and setting and its effect on the novel. They will start to develop skills in language analysis: inference and deduction, writer's intentions, character perceptions, wider themes as well as being introduced to a range of forms and purpose of writing. | Links to Language Paper 1 – GCSE specification, allowing students to read, understand and analyse a text. Specific links to cultural capital and broader understanding and knowledge of different societies, worlds, and cultures. Students complete GCSE style tasks – listing, impressions, evaluate, descriptive writing. | Key words: Atmosphere, environment, surrounding, senses, ambiance, sensations, inference, context. | KS2 – Students will be able to effectively write for a range of purposes and audiences, selecting language that shows good awareness of the reader (e.g. the use of first person in a diary; direct address in instructions and persuasive writing.) Students arriving to KS3 should correctly spell most words from the Year 5/6 | Assessment: either Reading: extract based, how is mood and atmosphere is created through the description of the setting? Or Writing: Persuasive speech writing- Who's responsibility is it to help children living in dumpsites? |

| Theme: Stude poetry Focus on diversed and other cultures | exploration of poets /contexts alongside an | | Key words: Anaphora, monosyllabic, semantic field, enjambment, caesura, simile, metaphor, imagery, stanza | spelling list, use a dictionary to check the spelling of uncommon or more ambitious vocabulary. | Assessment: either Reading: How does the poet portray the theme of focusing on ONE poem from the anthology or Writing: to write a 3-stanza poem using an extended metaphor. |
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| 3 Theme: Read and Writing | · · | Students will explore at a deeper level fiction and non-fiction reading and writing skills, inference, explicit and implicit information, how to analyse language choices and a writer's intention, referring to contextual understanding, tone and format of writing, persuasive techniques. Articles have | Key words: Inference, explicit, explain, non-fiction, tone, implicit, analyse, fiction, evidence, context | KS2 - Students have prior knowledge of superlatives, modal verbs, adverbs, alliteration, emotive language, similes, metaphors, rhetorical questions, formal and informal tone, cohesion between paragraphs, speech writing, chronology, and emotive language. | Assessment: either Reading: GCSE style 'How does the writer show the thought and feelings of' using a text of choice from the scheme. Writing: Persuasive Letter writing- write a letter to Katie Hopkins expressing your views. |

| 4 | Theme: Reading and Writing Skills continued | Students will continue their exploration of poets /contexts alongside a continued introduction to poetic methods. They will continue their development of how to discuss writer's intentions as well as gaining understanding of the form of the poetry. | Students will explore at a deeper level fiction and non-fiction reading and writing skills, inference, explicit and implicit information, how to analyse language choices and a writer's intention, referring to contextual understanding, tone and format of writing, persuasive techniques. Articles have | Key words: Inference, explicit, explain, non-fiction, tone, implicit, analyse, fiction, evidence, context | KS2 - Students have prior knowledge of superlatives, modal verbs, adverbs, alliteration, emotive language, similes, metaphors, rhetorical questions, formal and informal tone, cohesion between paragraphs, speech writing, chronology, and emotive language. | Assessment: either Reading: GCSE style 'How does the writer show the thought and feelings of' using a text of choice from the scheme. Writing: Persuasive Letter writing- write a letter to Katie Hopkins expressing your views. |
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| | Theme: Study of poetry Focus on diversity and other cultures | | | Key words: Inference, explicit, explain, non-fiction, tone, implicit, analyse, fiction, evidence, context | | Assessment: Either Reading: How does the poet portray the theme of focusing on ONE poem from the anthology Or Writing: to write a 3-stanza poem using an extended metaphor. |
| 5 | Theme: Genre Genre Study of dystopian literature | Students will understand the conventions of the dystopian genre: settings, characters, plots. They will gain an understanding of narrative forms and their effect. Students will be able to use their knowledge to plan and create a dystopian setting (utilising the taught conventions) through descriptive writing. | Understand increasingly challenging texts through: learning new vocabulary, relating it explicitly to known vocabulary and understanding it with the help of context and dictionaries making inferences and referring to evidence in the text. | Key words: Genre, antagonist, protagonist, post- apocalyptic, danger, mystery, decay, loneliness, nostalgia, loss. | Prior knowledge of narrative reading and writing skills across KS2 including – use of suspension and tension, figurative language, variety of sentence openers. | Assessment: either Reading: selected extract from booklet - 'How does the writer use features of the dystopian genre?' or Writing: creative writing 3 rd person omniscient narrative – picture / title stimulus 'A Dystopian World.' Students create a description of a dystopian world. |

| | 6 | Theme: Character An introduction to Shakespeare's characters. | Students will be introduced to Shakespeare's language through the study of a range of his most famous characters. They will gain an understanding of the basic Shakespearian comedies and tragedies as well as developing appreciation of how language choices made by the author are meaningful and deliberate. They will start to recognise the use of figurative language with growing independence and learn to develop character voice in their writing. | Develop an appreciation and love of reading, and read increasingly challenging material independently through drama; Shakespeare. Read critically through: knowing how language, including figurative language, vocabulary choice, grammar, text structure and organisational features, presents meaning. Understanding how the work of dramatists is communicated effectively through performance and how alternative staging allows for different interpretations of a play. | Key words: Victim, hero, villain, regal, tyrant, noble, flat and round characters. | Study of Shakespeare in drama – performance, characters, props, lighting, staging, speech. Students have prior knowledge of monologues, soliloquies, prose, figurative and literal language. | Assessment: either Reading: extract based – character focus. i.e., 'How does Shakespeare use language to present' or Writing: Diary writing. Writing from the perspective of a character reflecting on events of the play. |
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| Year 8 | 1 | Theme: Character and diversity. Study of a modern novel: My Sister Lives on the Mantelpiece | Students will build on skills considering the importance of context and setting and its effect on the novel. Continued development of reading for meaning, considering a writer's literary methods in relation to character. Study of narrative writing with focus on 1st person narration and 'showing not telling'. Exploration of themes: loss, grief, relationships, prejudice, racism. | Develop an appreciation and love of reading through books, contemporary focus. learning new vocabulary, relating it explicitly to known vocabulary and understanding it with the help of context and dictionaries making inferences and referring to evidence in the text knowing the purpose, audience for and context of the writing and drawing on this knowledge to support comprehension. | Key words: immature, generous, protagonist, energetic, compassionate, benevolent, islamophobia, affable. | Through KS2 and Year 7 learning students are familiar with reading books. The unit to finish Year 7 has a focus on characters, as does the first unit of year 8 so they can continue on the learning of characterisation, reading for meaning, 1 st person narrative style, omniscient narrative style. Students will continue writing at length and spend time with a focus on analytical | Assessment: either Reading: extract based – focus on impressions of a character: Jamie, Sunya. or Writing: writing a narrative gap – filling in a 'missing piece' of narrative – 1 st person or 3 rd person omniscient. |

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| 2 | Theme: Character | Students will build on skills | Develop an appreciation and | Key words: | Through KS2 and Year 7 | Assessment: either |
| | and diversity. | considering the importance | love of reading through | immature, | learning students are | Reading: extract based – focus on |
| | | of context and setting and | books, contemporary focus. | generous, | familiar with reading | impressions of a character: Jamie, |
| | Continued study | its effect on the novel. | learning new vocabulary, | protagonist, | books. The unit to finish | Sunya. |
| | of a modern | Continued development of | relating it explicitly to | energetic, | Year 7 has a focus on | |
| | novel: My Sister | reading for meaning, | known vocabulary and | compassionate, | characters, as does the | or Writing: writing a narrative |
| | Lives on the | considering a writer's | understanding it with the | benevolent, | first unit of year 8 so they | gap – filling in a 'missing piece' of |
| | Mantelpiece | literary methods in relation | help of context and | islamophobia, | can continue on the | narrative – 1 st person or 3 rd |
| | | to character. Study of | dictionaries | affable. | learning of | person omniscient. |
| | | narrative writing with focus | making inferences and | | characterisation, reading | |
| | | on 1 st person narration and | referring to evidence in the | | for meaning, 1 st person | |
| | | 'showing not telling'. | text | | narrative style, omniscient | |
| | | Exploration of themes: loss, | knowing the purpose, | | narrative style. Students | |
| | | grief, relationships, | audience for and context of | | will continue writing at | |
| | | prejudice, racism. | the writing and drawing on | | length and spend time | |
| | Theme: Study of | p. 5,00.00, 10.00 | this knowledge to support | | with a focus on analytical | Assessment: either |
| | poetry focused on | | comprehension. | | writing and development | Reading: comparison question |
| | love and | Students will further | comprehension. | | of extended responses. | across TWO poems, taken from |
| | relationships. | develop their exploration of | | Key words: | or extended responses. | the anthology. |
| | Telationships. | poets /contexts. They will be | | Quatrain, | | the anthology. |
| | | introduced to varying forms | | stanza, rhythm, | | or Writing: to write a narrative |
| | | of poetry and continue their | | rhyme scheme, | | poem focused on a personal |
| | | development of how to | | metre, couplet, | | relationship. |
| | | discuss writer's intentions | | · · | | |
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| | | and overarching messages | | syntax, device, | | |
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| | | annotation of poetic | | representation | | |
| | | devices. Students will be | | | | |
| | | introduced to the language | | | | |
| | | of comparison: comparing | | | | |
| | | poems in relation to | | | | |
| | | themes, messages, and | | | | |
| | | methods | | | | |
| 3 | Theme: Setting | Student will gain an | Develop an appreciation and | Key words: | Through KS2 and Year 7 | Assessment: either |
| | | understanding of the | love of reading, and read | pathetic fallacy, | learning, students are | |

| | Theme: Either: | features of their chosen | increasingly challenging | contract | familiar with reading | Reading How does the writer use |
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| | 19 th Century | genre and develop their | material independently | contrast, juxtaposition, | books. Students have | |
| | Literature: | | | | | setting to (for example, create |
| | Frankenstein or | understating of how context | through: reading a wide range of | foreshadowing, | already had a focus on | drama and tension) |
| | | impacts our understanding. | | contemporary, | setting from KS2 and Trash with a close focus on the | or Writing: descriptive writing of |
| | Boy 87 | There will be opportunities | including in particular whole | modern, | | a setting using third person |
| | | to consider aspects of ethics | books, with a wide coverage | description, | use of setting in narrative | |
| | | and morality (the plight of | of genres, historical periods, | impact, | reading. Students will | omniscient narration. |
| | | refugees and playing God). | forms and authors, including | perceptions, | expand their knowledge of | |
| | | Students will develop their | high-quality works from | contrast. | setting through descriptive | |
| | | skills of annotation when | English literature, | | writing, pathetic fallacy | |
| | | reading for meaning. | contemporary, including | | and language choices. | |
| | | Further teaching of | prose, and seminal world | | | |
| | | narrative forms with focus | literature | | | |
| | | on the effect of voice and | knowing the purpose, | | | |
| | | third person omniscient. | audience for and context of | | | |
| | | Students will also become | the writing and drawing on | | | |
| | | confident in the | this knowledge to support | | | |
| | | identification and used of | meaning | | | |
| | | challenging literary | studying setting, plot, and | | | |
| | | methods. | characterisation, and the | | | |
| | | pathetic fallacy, contrast, | effects of these | | | |
| | | juxtaposition, | | | | |
| | | foreshadowing, foreboding | write accurately, fluently, | | | |
| | | as relevant to the chosen | effectively and at length for | | | |
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| | | | purposes and audiences, | | | |
| | | | including: well-structured | | | |
| | | | formal expository and | | | |
| | | | narrative essays; stories, | | | |
| | | | scripts, poetry and other | | | |
| | | | imaginative writing | | | |
| 4 | Theme: Setting | Student will gain an | Develop an appreciation and | Key words: | Through KS2 and Year 7 | Assessment: either |
| | | understanding of the | love of reading, and read | pathetic fallacy, | learning, students are | Reading How does the writer use |
| | Continued study | features of their chosen | increasingly challenging | contrast, | familiar with reading | setting to (for example, create |
| | of 19 th Century | genre and develop their | material independently | juxtaposition, | books. Students have | drama and tension) |
| | Literature: | understating of how context | through: | foreshadowing, | already had a focus on | |

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| | | refugees and playing God). | forms and authors, including | perceptions, | expand their knowledge of | |
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| | | skills of annotation when | English literature, | | writing, pathetic fallacy | |
| | | reading for meaning. | contemporary, including | | and language choices. | |
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| | Continued study | | through: | | | Assessment: either |
| | of poetry focused | | writing for a wide range of | | | Reading: comparison question |
| | on love and | | purposes and audiences, | Key words: | | across TWO poems, taken from |
| re | elationships. | Students will further | including: well-structured | Quatrain, | | the anthology. |
| | | develop their exploration of | formal expository and | stanza, rhythm, | | |
| | | poets /contexts. They will be | narrative essays; stories, | rhyme scheme, | | or Writing: to write a narrative |
| | | introduced to varying forms | scripts, poetry and other | metre, couplet, | | poem focused on a personal |
| | | of poetry and continue their | imaginative writing | stress, pace, | | relationship. |
| | | development of how to | | syntax, device, | | |
| | | discuss writer's intentions | | convey, | | |
| | | and overarching messages | | representation | | |
| | | through identification an | | | | |
| | | annotation of poetic | | | | |
| | | devices. Students will be | | | | |
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| | | of comparison: comparing | | | | |

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| | | themes, messages, and | | | | |
| | | methods | | | | |
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| 5 | Theme: Form | Students will build on | Develop an appreciation and | Key words: | Students have a growing | Assessment: either |
| | | previous text exploration | love of reading, and read | Immersive | familiarity with plays and | Reading: Extract focus: How are |
| | Study of a play: | with a focus on the form of | increasingly challenging | theatre, | performances from KS2 | language and form used to create |
| | Either Noughts | a play. They will understand | material independently | naturalism, | and into KS3 having more | a reaction from the audience? |
| | and Crosses or | the conventions of the form | through: | realism, | recently studied William | |
| | Coram Boy | and how features work | plays with a wide coverage | monologue, | Shakespeare's characters. | |
| | • | alongside language to create | of genres, contemporary, | stage directions, | Students will expand on | or Writing: write a review of Act |
| | | meaning. Students will be | including prose, poetry and | lighting, | their knowledge of | 1 for a teenage audience. |
| | | increasingly independent in | drama; | 3 3, | stagecraft, speech and | 3 |
| | | their analysis of texts and | read critically through: | | dialogue, stage direction | |
| | | identification of literary | knowing how language, | | and scripts. | |
| | | methods and their effects. | including figurative | | | |
| | | Students will understand | language, vocabulary | | | |
| | | the form and purpose of a | choice, grammar, text | | | |
| | | review and it's conventions. | structure and organisational | | | |
| | | They will <i>demonstrate</i> the | features, presents meaning | | | |
| | | ability to adapt their | recognising a range | | | |
| | | language for form, audience | studying setting, plot, and | | | |
| | | and purpose. | characterisation, and the | | | |
| | | and purpose. | effects of these | | | |
| | | | understanding how the | | | |
| | | | work of dramatists is | | | |
| | | | communicated effectively | | | |
| | | | through performance and | | | |
| | | | how alternative staging | | | |
| | | | allows for different | | | |
| | | | interpretations of a play. | | | |
| 6 | Theme: Form | Students will build on | | Vou words | Students have a growing | Assessment: either |
| 0 | meme: Form | | Develop an appreciation and | Key words: Immersive | Students have a growing | |
| | Combinued study | previous text exploration | love of reading, and read | | familiarity with plays and | Reading: Extract focus: How are |
| | Continued study | with a focus on the form of | increasingly challenging | theatre, | performances from KS2 | language and form used to create a reaction from the audience? |
| | of a play: either | a play. They will understand the conventions of the form | material independently | naturalism, realism, | and into KS3 having more | a reaction from the audience? |
| | Noughts and | | through: | • | recently studied William | |
| | Crosses or Coram | and how features work | plays with a wide coverage | monologue, | Shakespeare's characters. | |
| | Boy | alongside language to create | of genres, contemporary, | | Students will expand on | |

| | meaning. Students will be increasingly independent in their analysis of texts and | including prose, poetry and drama; read critically through: | stage directions, lighting, | their knowledge of stagecraft, speech and dialogue, stage direction | or Writing: write a review of Act 1 for a teenage audience. |
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| Theme: Continued of poetry fo on love and relationshi | their analysis of texts and identification of literary methods and their effects. Students will understand the form and purpose of a review and it's conventions. They will demonstrate the ability to adapt their language for form, audience and purpose. study ocused d Students will further develop their exploration of | • | Key words: Quatrain, stanza, rhythm, rhyme scheme, metre, couplet, stress, pace, syntax, device, convey, representation | | Assessment: either Reading: comparison question across TWO poems, taken from the anthology. or Writing: to write a narrative poem focused on a personal relationship. |
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| Year 9 | 1 | Theme: Character | Students will develop a | Develop an appreciation and | Key words: | Building upon fiction | Assessment: either Reading: |
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| icai 3 | _ | and context | confident understanding of | love of reading, and read | Great | reading from Year 7 and 8 | 'How does Steinbeck presentin |
| | | and context | how the attitudes of the | increasingly challenging | Depression, | students now study a | section?' |
| | | Novel study: Of | time are reflected in the | material independently | Dust Bowl, | more complex text with a | sectionr |
| | | Mice and Men | writer's methods. | through: | American, | variety of themes and | Or Writing: Diary writing |
| | | I whice and when | They will further develop | reading a wide range of | Dream, | issues, students will | character reflection on events |
| | | | their analytical and | fiction including in particular | Segregation, | develop writing at length | demonstrating awareness of |
| | | | academic written style, | whole books with a wide | Migrant, | including analysis of | context. |
| | | | fluently embed quotations | coverage of genres, | Sexism, | themes and context, | Context |
| | | | into sentences and be able | historical periods, forms and | Misogyny, | language and authorial | |
| | | | to analyse extracts | authors, including high- | Isolation, | intent. Students will | |
| | | | independently. Students will | quality works from English | Racism, | approach GCSE style | |
| | | | focus on communicating | literature contemporary, | Lynching, | questions including How, | |
| | | | character voice through | and seminal world | Idealism, | List and Impressions | |
| | | | description, with careful | literature. | Marginalisation, | questions looking at | |
| | | | vocabulary choices and a | Learning new vocabulary, | Ranch hands, | extracts and the wider | |
| | | | range of figurative devices. | relating it explicitly to | loyal, foil, anti- | novel. | |
| | | | They will be able to vary | known vocabulary and | hero. | nove | |
| | | | sentence types to create | understanding it with the | nero. | | |
| | | | fluency and emphasis. | help of context and | | | |
| | | | macris, and empiricalist | dictionaries | | | |
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| | | | | referring to evidence in the | | | |
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| | | | | comprehension | | | |
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| | | | | effectively and at length for | | | |
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| | | | | formal expository and | | | |
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| | | | scripts, poetry and other imaginative writing; Applying their growing knowledge of vocabulary, grammar and text structure to their writing and selecting the appropriate form drawing on knowledge of literary and rhetorical devices from their reading and listening to enhance the impact of their writing. | | | |
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| 2 | Theme: Controversy Explored through non-fiction texts. | Students will be able to identify specific choices an author has made to create meaning and discuss their effects, including more complex ideas like tone and structure of writing. They will be able to respond confidently to a 'how' question, beginning to comment on the writer's choices and focusing on clear and concise explanation. They will consolidate knowledge of persuasive techniques and to use these judiciously in their writing to achieve their purpose. They will begin to write with a 'tone' and consider language and other choices and how these create tone and have a | Making inferences and referring to evidence in the text knowing the purpose, audience for and context of the writing and drawing on this knowledge to support comprehension checking their understanding to make sure that what they have read makes sense read critically through: knowing how language, including figurative language, vocabulary choice, grammar, text structure and organisational features, presents meaning making critical comparisons across texts Notes and polished scripts for talks and presentations | Key words: Alliteration, anecdote, hyperbole, metaphor, rule of 3, emotive language, facts, opinions, rhetorical questions, ethical, critical thinking, consequences, bias. | Students have a broader focus on non-fiction writing here, students will consider purpose, audience, tone and format of articles and writing as well as comparing viewpoints and ideas and consideration of complex and universal issues. | Assessment: either Reading: How does the speaker present their feelings about the issues in this speech? Or Writing: transactional — speech writing to persuade on a social issue. |

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| | | confident understanding of | and a range of other | | | |
| | | form. | narrative and non-narrative | | | |
| | | | texts, including arguments, | | | |
| | | | and personal and formal | | | |
| | | | letters | | | |
| | | | summarising and organising | | | |
| | | | material, and supporting | | | |
| | | | ideas and arguments with | | | |
| | | | any necessary factual detail | | | |
| | | | Understanding how their | | | |
| | | | writing reflects the | | | |
| | | | audiences and purposes for | | | |
| | | | which it was intended | | | |
| | | | amending the vocabulary, | | | |
| | | | grammar and structure of | | | |
| | | | their writing to improve its | | | |
| | | | coherence and overall | | | |
| | | | effectiveness. | | | |
| 3 | Theme: Theme | Students will develop their | Develop an appreciation and | Key words: | Students have a growing | Assessment: either |
| | and form | understanding of | love of reading, and read | Monologue, | familiarity with plays and | Reading: How is violence |
| | dild 101111 | Shakespeare's language, | increasingly challenging | dramatic irony, | performances from KS2 | presented in this extract and |
| | Shakespeare: | analysing key scenes with | material independently | imagery, | and KS3 having more | other parts of the play? |
| | Romeo and Juliet | increasing independence. | through: | soliloquy, verse, | recently studied William | other parts of the play. |
| | Nomico una sanct | They will be guided in | plays with a wide coverage | prologue | Shakespeare's characters | Or Writing: Writing a soliloquy as |
| | | annotating play scripts – | of genres, contemporary, | prologue | and Noughts and Crosses | one of the characters. |
| | | paying attention to stage | including prose, poetry and | | adaptation. Students will | one of the characters. |
| | | directions; structural | drama; | | expand on their | |
| | | features – how acts / scenes | read critically through: | | knowledge of stagecraft, | |
| | | begin and end and are | knowing how language, | | speech and dialogue, stage | |
| | | positioned for dramatic | including figurative | | direction and scripts | |
| | | effect in order to further | language, vocabulary | | including reference to | |
| | | develop a writer's message. | choice, grammar, text | | GCSE style questions with | |
| | | _ | _ | | thematic or character | |
| | | They will begin to identify | structure and organisational | | | |
| | | recurring themes within the | features, presents meaning | | focus. | |
| | | text and consider how they | recognising a range | | | |
| | | are reflected in the writer's | studying setting, plot, and | | | |
| | | methods and write | characterisation, and the | | | |
| | | confidently about this. | effects of these | | | |

| 4 | Theme: Comparing texts English Language GCSE skills through Crime short stories. | Students will gain an introduction to the conventions of the crime genre. They will be able to comment on a writer's structural choices and how they create meaning. They will develop their ability to annotate texts for language, writers' methods, and structure: focusing on how tension is created and confidently form inferences about a character. They will communicate these ideas fluently using embedded quotations. Students will be | understanding how the work of dramatists is communicated effectively through performance and how alternative staging allows for different interpretations of a play. Making inferences and referring to evidence in the text knowing the purpose, audience for and context of the writing and drawing on this knowledge to support comprehension checking their understanding to make sure that what they have read makes sense read critically through: knowing how language, including figurative language, vocabulary choice grammar text | Key words: Genre, simple, compound, complex sentences, connectives, intentions, deduction, inference, impressions, codes and conventions, narrative, context | Students to study a range of short stories linking to crime, students will develop their skills of comparison thinking about how a writer builds an impression of a character. They will also focus on thematic study – genre and conventions of. Students will begin to build their own concepts of narrative writing and how to create a mood or tone through language choices. | Assessment: either Reading: Compare how the writers' use language and structure to present their female protagonists. Or Writing: Narrative writing utilising the crime conventions starting with a given title: 'In Cold Blood' / 'Monday Murder Club' / 'Cover Her Tracks' |
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| | | | ideas and arguments with any necessary factual detail Understanding how their writing reflects the audiences and purposes for which it was intended amending the vocabulary, grammar and structure of their writing to improve its coherence and overall effectiveness. | | | |
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| 5 | Theme: Narrative voice Modern Novel study: A Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time or Pigeon English | Students will be able to use empathy skills to consider how different characters would view a situation, and to then reflect this in vocabulary, sentence structures and tone of writing. They will learn to consider how a character would use language carefully, using their reading of the character so far to inform their choices when crafting and know how to include specific choices from the novel appropriately without compromising the tone of the piece. They will be able to explain how the writer's choices create an individual narrative voice, with use of terminology and understand the importance of the writer's structural choices. | Develop an appreciation and love of reading, and read increasingly challenging material independently through: reading a wide range of fiction including in particular whole books with a wide coverage of genres, historical periods, forms and authors, including high-quality works from English literature contemporary, and seminal world literature. Learning new vocabulary, relating it explicitly to known vocabulary and understanding it with the help of context and dictionaries making inferences and referring to evidence in the text knowing the purpose, audience for and context of the writing and drawing on | Key words: Context, intentions, impressions, context, dialogue, tone, empathy, omniscient, first person, purpose, bias | Continuation of study of a novel, as the final novel of KS3 students will be expected to expand on every level of analysing prose – setting, characters, themes, context, language, description, comparison. Students will also be expected to use their knowledge of writing to complete extended tasks of fiction and non-fiction writing detailing characterisation, purpose and audience. | Assessment: either Reading: character question exploring thoughts and feelings, using a selected extract (of choice) from either novel. Or Writing: News report on a key event. |

| | | | this knowledge to support comprehension Write accurately, fluently, effectively and at length for pleasure and information through: writing for a wide range of purposes and audiences, including: well-structured formal expository and narrative essays; stories, | | | |
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| | | | scripts, poetry and other imaginative writing; Applying their growing knowledge of vocabulary, grammar and text structure to their writing and selecting the appropriate form drawing on knowledge of literary and rhetorical devices from their reading and listening to enhance the impact of their writing. | | | |
| 6 | Theme: Introduction to GCSE War Poetry | Students will develop an increasingly independent ability to analyse poetry, building on previous taught skills. They will develop a clear understanding of the effect of poetic voices and the impact of the contextual backdrop of war poets, conflicts, and propaganda and work to identify significant recurring themes. Students will develop | Read and appreciate the depth and power of the English literary heritage through: The range will include: Poetry since 1789. | Key words: Propaganda, conflict, patriot, patriotism, patriotic, rhyme, rhythm, metaphor, stanza, authorial method, imagery | Students will begin to study a thematic unit of poems – war based. Some of these poems are GCSE poems that they will revisit at KS4. Students will expand their knowledge of analysing poems using prior knowledge and building upon it. Students will develop their ability to compare poems, looking | Assessment: either Reading: Presentation of war – comparison across TWO poems Or Writing: Creative writing - title stimulus 'Lest We Forget' / 'Your Country Needs You!' |

| | | | recognition of poetic methods, forms and structures: free verse, sonnet, narrative and exploration of the importance of sound. They will develop detail in their annotations in line with GCSE expectations. | | | at poetic techniques, tone and mood. | |
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| Year 10 | 1 | Fiction Reading and Writing | 20th Century Reading. In this unit, students study a range of literature extracts, around 60-100 lines long, and they are assessed on these through a range of structured questions. This is worth 20% of their Language grade. This leads students onto Prose Writing. This is again worth 20% of the final Language grade and here, students are asked to write their own story based on a list of four titles provided. | GCSE Specification read easily, fluently and with good understanding develop the habit of reading widely and often, for both pleasure and information acquire a wide vocabulary, an understanding of grammar and knowledge of linguistic conventions for reading, writing and spoken language appreciate our rich and varied literary heritage write clearly, accurately and coherently, adapting their language and style in and for a range of contexts, purposes and audiences use discussion in order to learn; they should be able to elaborate and explain clearly their understanding and ideas are competent in the arts of speaking and listening, making formal presentations, | Key words: Implicit, explicit, impressions, how, evaluate, justify. | Building upon inference skills from KS3, students continue to explore fiction extracts and expand on their ability to extract, analyse, evaluate, and justify. Students will work more autonomously at this level and complete extended timed written tasks, using implicit and explicit information. Writing tasks will be developing the ability to write creatively and at length, exploring structure, speech, themes, genres, language and vocab. | Assessment: Fiction R and W GCSE paper (sat as separate units) |

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| 2 | Novel (A Christmas Carol) and War Poetry | Students are taught the novel A Christmas Carol – including information on Dickens, characters, quotes, context, themes, approaching an exam question. | GCSE Specification | Key words: Social injustice, poverty, benevolent, foil. | Students build upon their analytical skills, through exploration of the set text. Students will be challenged with reading more complex stories with the ability to write about them in detail, memorising key aspect, quotes, characters and themes. | Assessment: GCSE ACC Q |
| 3 | Post-19 th Century Play (Blood Brothers or An Inspector Calls) and Unseen Poetry Assessment: GCSE BB/AIC Q | Students are taught the play Blood Brothers OR An Inspector Calls – including information on Russell/Priestley, characters, quotes, context, themes, stage craft and approaching an exam question. | GCSE Specification | Key words: Class, socialism, capitalism, poverty, fate. | Students build upon their analytical skills, through exploration of the set text. Students will be challenged with reading more complex plays with the ability to write about them in detail, memorising key aspect, quotes, characters and themes. | Assessment: GCSE BB/AIC Q |
| 4 | Non-Fiction Reading and Writing | Non-Fiction Reading and Transactional/Persuasive Writing, both of which are worth 30% of the final grade, are studied towards the end of the year. The Non-Fiction Reading unit asks students to study some 19th and 21st century nonfiction texts and compare them through a range of structured questions while the transactional/persuasive writing requires students to answer two compulsory questions. | GCSE Specification | Key words: Purpose, audience, format, tone. | Building upon inference skills from KS3, students continue to explore nonfiction extracts and expand on their ability to extract, analyse, evaluate, and justify. Students will work more autonomously at this level and complete extended timed written tasks, using implicit and explicit information. Writing tasks will be developing the ability to write at length with | Assessment: Non-Fiction R GCSE paper |

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| | | | | | attention on purpose, | |
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| 5 | Anthology Poetry | A selection of 17 poems | GCSE Specification | Key words: | Students build upon their | Assessment: GCSE Q |
| | | under multiple themes. | | Effect, mood, | knowledge of analysing | |
| | | | | tone, structure, | poetry using context to | |
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| | | | | imagery. | Students continue to | |
| | | | | | compare themes and | |
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| | | | | | purpose. | |
| 6 | Spoken Language | Students will give a 5-10 | GCSE Specification | Key words: | Students will craft a | Assessment: GCSE Spoken |
| | and Anthology | minute speech of their | The national curriculum for | Tone, mood, | speech, using knowledge | Language assessment |
| | Poetry | choosing to the class with | English reflects the | formal, | from the prior unit about | |
| | , | questions. | importance of spoken | informal, pace. | tone, pace, format and | |
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| Year 11 | 1 | Shakespeare (Macbeth or Romeo & Juliet) and Anthology Poetry | Students are taught the play Macbeth OR Romeo and Juliet including information on Shakespeare, characters, quotes, context, themes, stage craft and approaching an extract and whole play question. | GCSE Specification read and appreciate the depth and power of the English literary heritage through: reading a wide range of high-quality, challenging, classic literature and extended literary nonfiction, such as essays, reviews and journalism. This writing should include whole texts. The range will include: at least one play by Shakespeare works from the 19th, 20th and 21st centuries poetry since 1789, including representative Romantic poetry re-reading literature and other writing as a basis for making comparisons choosing and reading books independently for challenge, interest and enjoyment | Key words: Tragedy, Jacobean, purpose, intent, supernatural, gender, guilt, ambition. | Students build upon their analytical skills, through exploration of the set text. Students will be challenged with reading more complex plays with the ability to write about them in detail, memorising key aspect, quotes, characters and themes. Students will use their contextual understanding and knowledge of performance to respond to set extract and whole play responses. | Assessment: GCSE Q |
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| | 2 | GCSE Revision: ACC and BB/AIC | | GCSE Specification read and appreciate the depth and power of the English literary heritage through: reading a wide range of high-quality, challenging, | | | Assessment: GCSE Q |

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| | 6 | Tailored revision | GCSE Specification | | Assessment: GCSE Q |