

Curriculum Overview 2023 – 2024 English

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Unit 1	Our Literary Heritage	Reporting News	Poetry Through Time
(Half-term 1 – 2)	Exploring the origins of story-telling, from the ancient Greeks myths to the Renaissance	Investigating the news stories that support our curriculum	Cultural poetic movements, taught chronologically from Medieval poetry to contemporary
Unit 2	Wit and Wisdom	The Drama of Tragedy	Reading and Writing Rhetoric
(Half-term 3-4)			
	The role of women in Shakespeare's world	An introduction to Tragedy, studying the	Continuation of Tragedy and exploring
	Text: 'Much Ado About Nothing'	theatre of Shakespeare	Shakespeare's Rhetoric
		Text: 'Macbeth'	Text: 'Julius Caesar'
Unit 3 (Half-term 4-5)	Gothic Creations Victorian Novel		Modern World, Modern Views
	A chronological exploration of literature	Introduction to 19 th century literature	Continuation of the study of Rhetoric,
	from the Gothic genre	Text: 'The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr	analysing attitudes in a range of non-fiction
		Hyde', R. L. Stevenson	
Unit 4	Reading for Pleasure	Diverse Dystopias	Contemporary Novel
(Half-term 6)			
	Text: a contemporary novel	A study of the presentation of dystopias in	Critical evaluation of a modern novella
		Literature, imagined by a diverse range of writers	Text: 'Animal Farm', G. Orwell

	Year 10	Year 11
	Modern Texts	19 th Century Novel
Half Term 1	Text: 'Lord of the Flies', W. Golding (English Literature Paper 2)	Text: 'Frankenstein', M. Shelley (English Literature Paper 1)
	Poetry	Shakespeare
Half Term 2	Power and Conflict Poetry Anthology (English Literature Paper 2)	Text: 'Macbeth', W. Shakespeare (English Literature Paper 1)
Half Term 3	Explorations in Creating Reading and Writing (English Language Paper 1)	Revision of the English Language and Literature components
Half Term 4	Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives (English Language Paper 2)	Revision of the English Language and Literature components
Half Term 5	Revision of the English Language components	Revision of the English Language and Literature components
	Introduction to 19 th Century Novel	
Half Term 6	Text: 'Frankenstein', M. Shelley (English Literature Paper 1)	