



Key Stage 3 Curriculum Journey

The curriculum in English will engage, challenge and support all students in their journey towards fluency in writing, understanding and comprehension in reading and developing skills in analysis, writer's craft and developing their understanding of how and where English as a subject has its place in culture.

THE YEAR 9 CURRICULUM JOURNEY

	HALF TERM 1	HALF TERM 2	HALF TERM(S) 3 & 4	HALF TERM 5	HALF TERM 6
Scheme of Learning	<b>Non-Fiction &amp; Criminology</b>	<b>Classics: Crime &amp; Detective Fiction</b>	<b>Poetry of Conflict(s)</b>	<b>Social Responsibility</b>	
GLS Provision: Text Choice(s)	Assorted Extracts 19th Century	Sherlock Holmes's <i>The Hound of the Baskervilles</i> (1902)	Unseen Poetry of Conflict(s) Booklet	Willy Russell's <i>Our Day Out</i> (1983)	<i>Brighton Rock</i> (1938) [abridged]
Mainstream Provision: Text Choice(s)	Assorted Extracts 19th Century	Sherlock Holmes's <i>The Hound of the Baskervilles</i> (1902)	Unseen Poetry of Conflict(s) Booklet	Willy Russell's <i>Our Day Out</i> (1983)	Willy Russell's <i>Blood Brothers</i> (1985)
Foundational Knowledge & Prior Learning Needed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>show a basic understanding of the writer's intention (effect) and identify the writer's methods in a piece of non-fiction writing</li> <li>begin to compare texts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>understand the ideas of genre, plot, character, narrative (and narrative voice) and setting (time and place), theme</li> <li>appreciate a range of different purposes behind fiction texts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>understanding the fundamental features of poetry, in how it is written and structured</li> <li>understand the setting (time and place) and context of historical and contemporary poets and their poems</li> <li>understand how poetry is written for a range of different purposes, about a range of different ideas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>understand the ideas of genre, plot, character, narrative (and narrative voice) and setting (time and place), theme</li> <li>identify and select features of language from the text</li> <li>understand the structure of a play and the significance of this</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>understand the ideas of genre, plot, character, narrative (and narrative voice) and setting (time and place), theme</li> <li>understand the structure of a play and the significance of this</li> <li>appreciate a range of different purposes behind fiction texts</li> </ul>



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Core Knowledge and/or Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Identify and begin to discuss the writer's methods</li><li>begin to show a clear understanding of the writer's intention (effect) using some analytical terms</li><li>demonstrate some understanding of how the writer's communicates viewpoints and perspectives</li><li>show a clear comparison of text/s.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>understanding how plot and character and theme contribute to making different meanings</li><li>identify and select features of language from the text</li><li>explain the techniques of how writers animate characters through developing their feelings, emotions, attitudes and reactions</li><li>make a clear and relevant point when explaining ideas in fiction texts, and support these with textual references</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>communicating ideas about how language and structure are used within poems to create meanings</li><li>to identify and select a range of features of language to anchor these ideas</li><li>making clear and relevant points about ideas from within the poem, supported with sound textual references</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>understanding how plot and character and theme contribute to making different meanings within dramatic plays</li><li>make a clear and relevant point when explaining ideas in the play, and support these with textual references</li><li>appreciate that writers use literature to convey a moral/societal message</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>understanding how plot and character and theme contribute to making different meanings within dramatic plays and novels</li><li>identify and select features of language from the text</li><li>explain the techniques of how writers use characterisation through developing their feelings, emotions, attitudes and reactions</li><li>make a clear and relevant point when explaining ideas in fiction texts, and support these with textual references</li></ul>
Developmental Knowledge and/or Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>identify and analyse a wide range of writer's methods and</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>appreciate that texts develop different perspectives and points of view</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>interpreting different ideas about meaning(s) from poets' uses of language and structure</li><li>interpreting how emotions, feelings and thoughts are evident within a range of poetic material</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>appreciate that texts develop different perspectives and points of</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>appreciate that texts develop different perspectives and points of view</li></ul>



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	<p>show a clear understanding of writer's craft (effect) using a range of analytical terms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• understand how and why a text is structured to present a viewpoint or perspective</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• evaluate different types of narration and their effects</li><li>• explore how texts communicate ideas by interpreting character representation, narrative and plot</li><li>• understand how context can affect texts' meanings</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• communicating ideas about the effects of these choices in order to articulate a deeper understanding of poetic material</li></ul>	<p>view through narrative, structure and language</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• explore how texts communicate ideas by interpreting character representation on stage and in plot</li><li>• explain the techniques of how writers use characterisation through developing their emotions, attitudes, reactions and stage direction</li><li>• explore how context can affect a text's meaning and interpretation</li></ul>	<p>through narrative, structure and language</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• evaluate different types of narration and their effects</li><li>• explore how texts communicate ideas by interpreting character representation, narrative and plot</li><li>• understand how context can affect texts' meanings</li></ul>
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Complex Knowledge and/or Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>critically analyse a wide range of writer's methods and show a sophisticated understanding of writer's craft (effect) using a range of analytical terms in a critical way</li><li>evaluate how and why a text is structured to convey a viewpoint of perspective</li><li>analyse the effect of the chosen language</li><li>Show a sophisticated, critical and synthesised comparison between texts</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>analyse critically how writers use features of language to achieve different effects</li><li>evaluate how the narrative and plot are structured and sequenced in texts, and how this creates meanings</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>deepening understanding of the different, varied types of conflict, as that which is central to the intentions of the poets in the scheme</li><li>articulating how these concepts are evident in – and central to - the meaning(s) created by the poets' use of language</li><li>drawing connections between the works of the poets throughout the scheme, in order to deepen understanding of (one of) our principal curriculum strand: conflict</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>deepening understanding of the different, varied themes and ideas which are central to the play</li><li>articulating in detail how the concepts of social responsibility, relationships and conflict are evident in the meaning(s) created by the playwright's use of language and structure</li><li>thoughtful and perceptive interpretations emerging in response to the text</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>deepening understanding of the different, varied types of conflict, as that which is central to the intentions of the poets in the scheme</li><li>articulating how these concepts are evident in – and central to - the meaning(s) created by the poets' use of language</li><li>drawing connections between the works of the poets throughout the scheme, in order to deepen understanding of (one of) our principal curriculum strand: conflict</li></ul>
Structure & Sequencing	The English curriculum is further structured and sequenced through a series of thematic narratives which connect across all the subject material being studied; this enables learners to make connections, transfer their learning and develop more sophisticated skills in conceptualisation. The thematic narratives which are developed and explored across all key stage areas are: the nature of identity, conflict, society and relationships.				



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Links with the National Curriculum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>develop the habit of reading widely and often, for [...] information</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>understanding a range of increasingly challenging texts through a range of extracts to whole text study</li><li>developing key emotional and social issues through studying texts in context</li><li>building vocabulary and increasingly more sophisticated use of language to create meaning and effect</li><li>Plan, proofread, edit and develop structure through reading and writing</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>identifying a range of poetic devices in a range of poems from different genre, poets and times in history</li><li>make inferences and refer to evidence</li><li>write accurately, fluently, and effectively for pleasure and information through stories, scripts, poetry and other imaginative writing</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>understanding how the work of dramatists is communicated through staging, performance and scripting</li><li>developing key emotional and social issues through studying texts in context</li><li>building vocabulary and increasingly more sophisticated use of language to create meaning and effect</li><li>plan, proofread, edit and develop structure through reading and writing</li></ul>
Literacy (including reading)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>read for emotional literacy (perspectives) and imagination, as well as for comprehension</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>develop language analysis skills</li><li>write accurately, fluently, and effectively for pleasure and information through stories, scripts, poetry and other imaginative writing</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Develop a love and appreciation for poetry through the ages</li><li>understanding and developing ideas about poetry and how meaning is conveyed through language</li><li>speak confidently and fluently using standard English</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>develop a love and appreciation for literature from a range of genres and ages</li><li>read critically through studying setting, plot and structure</li><li>focus on different forms comparing a play with a novel</li></ul>



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Cultural Capital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>encourage pupils to empathise with the feelings and experiences of others to help develop their understanding of other people's attitudes, ideas and behaviour.</li> <li>consider causality and the factors impacting upon people's attitudes, ideas and behaviour.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>encourage pupils to empathise with the feelings and experiences of others to help develop their understanding of other people's attitudes, ideas and behaviour.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>encourage pupils to empathise with the feelings and experiences of others to help develop their understanding of other people's attitudes, ideas and behaviour.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>understanding other cultural perspectives from the past and how they impact today's societal behaviours and understandings</li> </ul>
Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>develop an awareness that right and wrong in life situations is not always universally agreed.</li> <li>Pupils explore how the choice of language used and style affects implied and explicit meaning in non-fiction texts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>pupils are provided with opportunities to extract meaning beyond the literal, consider hidden meanings whilst engaging with ideas in fiction, non-fiction, poetry and drama.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>pupils are provided with opportunities to extract meaning beyond the literal, consider hidden meanings whilst engaging with ideas in fiction, non-fiction, poetry and drama.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>pupils are provided with opportunities to extract meaning beyond the literal, consider hidden meanings whilst engaging with ideas in fiction, non-fiction, poetry and drama.</li> <li>pupils explore how the choice of language used and style affects implied and explicit meaning.</li> </ul>
Fundamental British Values	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The rule of law</li> <li>democracy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The rule of law</li> <li>democracy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Democracy</li> <li>Individual liberty</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the rule of law</li> <li>mutual respect and tolerance for others</li> </ul>
Assessment	<b>"Choice" Extended Writing</b>	<b>"Choice" Extended Writing</b>	<b>"Choice" Extended Writing</b>	<b>End of Year Examination Series</b>   <b>"Choice" Extended Writing: write an</b>



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	<b>Summative Extended Writing</b>	<b>Summative Extended Writing</b>	<b>Summative Extended Writing:</b> Compare the ways in which ideas about identity are presented in Agard's 'Checking Out Me History' and one other poem from the collection (-/30)	<b>2025:</b> Literature-style Character Analysis (-/30) & AQA-style Creative Writing Responding to Stimulus (-/40)	extended response to a given stimulus linked to text choice and its convention  <b>Summative Extended Writing:</b> how does the writer build our impression of the character(s) [...] in extracts [...]? (analytical)
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