

English Subject Purpose Statement: Our Key Stage 3 curriculum is designed to enable all students to flourish in English. Our aim is for all students to be confident, literate and critical readers, writers and thinkers by the end of Year 9 and beyond. Our Key Stage 3 curriculum exposes students to a wide range of authors from the English Literary Canon, supplemented with a modern and diverse Reading for Pleasure programme. Students develop their reading skills by learning how to closely analyse the texts that they study, scrutinising the choices of the writers and how they affect readers. In particular, our KS3 curriculum has been crafted to equip students in becoming experts of their domain by building a strong foundational understanding of grammar, writing and reading to equip them for KS4. Furthermore, our curriculum has recently undergone changes and updates as a central stand of our Covid-recovery plan and focuses on exposing students to the best ideas in English Literature to foster a passion of reading, identifying and dispelling misconceptions, rebuilding academic resilience and ensuring excellent outcomes for all.

| | Year 7 | Year 8 | Year 9 |
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| Unit 1 | Origins of Literature: Greek Mythology | Modern Novel: <i>Animal Farm</i> and the use of rhetoric | Shakespeare: <i>Romeo and Juliet</i> |
| Unit 2 | Shakespeare: <i>Merchant of Venice</i> | Shakespeare: <i>The Tempest</i> | Victorian novel: <i>Jane Eyre</i> |
| Unit 3: | Victorian Novel: <i>Oliver Twist</i> | Exploration of the conventions of Gothic Literature | Disturbing Voices in Poetry and writers' viewpoints towards women |
| Unit 4 | War Poetry and the effects of War and Conflict | Global Voices poetry | Approaching Extracts: An exploration of writers' choices for intended effect |
| READING FOR PLEASURE and WRITING FOR PLEASURE | <p>Over the course of the academic year, students will read at least one text from the following category:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19th Century Novel • Modern Novel • Verse Novel or play <p>These texts will be used to stimulate writing of different text types.</p> | <p>Over the course of the academic year, students will read at least one text from the following category:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19th Century Novel • Modern Novel • Verse Novel or play <p>These texts will be used to stimulate writing of different text types.</p> | <p>Over the course of the academic year, students will read at least one text from the following category:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19th Century Novel • Modern Novel • Verse Novel or play <p>These texts will be used to stimulate writing of different text types.</p> |