English Curriculum Summary

KS4 Curriculum

Introduction
The overarching aim for English at KS4 is to promote high standards of language and literacy by equipping pupils with a strong command of the spoken and written word, and to develop their love of literature through widespread reading of challenging and diverse literature. Pupils will also develop their analytical skills, particularly those required for unseen fiction and non-fiction, as well as their creative writing skills for different audiences and in differing forms.

Pupils will begin the GCSE syllabus in Year 10. In Year 9, the cohort will be introduced to Language Paper 2, which is the non fiction component of the GCSE in order to allow more time to prepare. We also provide GCSE-style texts and assessments so as to ensure pupils have adequate essay writing and critical thinking practice for the subsequent two years.

Exam board: AQA
GCSE Specification: *English Language:*
https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/english/specifications/AQA-8700-SP-2015.PDF

English Literature:
https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/english/specifications/AQA-8702-SP-2015.PDF

Non-Examination Assessment
The GCSE involves a speaking and listening non-examined assessment. Pupils are prepared for this and assessed in the summer term of Year 10. The grade (Pass, Merit, Distinction) is stand alone and will appear as a GCSE result alongside other formal exams at the end of Year 11. The grade does not contribute to either English Language or English Literature.

Year 9

Topic	Principal resources
Class Novel: *Animal Farm*	Texts provided by school/ Google Sites
Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*	Texts provided by school / Google Sites
WW1 Poetry Comparison	Texts provided by school / Google Sites
Language Paper 2: Part A and Non Fiction	Texts provided by school / Google Sites

Writing	

Year 10

Topic	Principal resources
An Inspector Calls by JB Priestley.	ISBN: 978-0-435232-82-5
English Language Paper 1	Google Sites / Department resources
AQA Poetry Anthology: Power and Conflict	Anthology provided by school/ online resources
Shakespeare's *Macbeth*	Cambridge School Shakespeare with ISBN 978-1-107-61549-6

Year 11

Topic	Principal resources
Shakespeare's *Macbeth*	Cambridge School Shakespeare with ISBN 978-1-107-61549-6
19thC Literary Fiction. *The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde*	Dr Jekyll (EMC edition) Pupils buy own books
English Language Paper 2 (revision from Year 9)	Department Resources
AQA Poetry Anthology	Provided by school
Revision	Department resources