

Curriculum Plan

KS4 – GCSE English

Year 11

Golden Threads

- Continue to consolidate reading for meaning strategies in preparation for tackling unseen prose in an exam.
- Apply poetry analysis skills to engage with a diverse range of poets and examine how their language and structural choices reflect ideas about power and conflict.
- Critically engaging with a Shakespearean play to examine how its context influenced the methods Shakespeare used to influence his audience.
- Continue to apply and develop literacy skills to create a well crafted and effective piece of writing.

Enrichment

Performance of 'Macbeth'

Review and Evaluation

June 2026

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Topics & Substantive Knowledge	Disciplinary Knowledge	Assessment	Misconceptions	Key Voc	abulary	Knowledge Tracking
English Literature Paper 2 Section B - Poetry Anthology: Power and Conflict Fortnightly Language lessons For each of the 15 poems in the 'Power and Conflict' Anthology, students learn: Writer's context What the poem is about Writer's message, tone and mood How imagery, structure, rhyme, rhythm and sound are used to communicate tone and message	Reading for meaning Inferring and deducing Writing a comparison of two poems Developing a personal response Applying contextual knowledge	Assessment on 'Macbeth' content (sample question from Literature Paper 1 Section A) Assessment on Language skills (sample Language Paper 1) Continuing formative assessment in class, including some of the following strategies: Book sampling Live marking Whole Class Feedback Hinge questioning Cold Calling Peer and self assessment/DIRT	Misunderstanding the poems Confusing the speaker's voice in the poem with that of the writer Not selecting appropriate evidence Not commenting on writers' methods Not commenting on the impact of context	Tier 2 Colloquial, atrocity confessional patriotism desentitise monotonous futility authentic apathy trivialise institution patriarchy Eurocentric domestic regular irregular symbolic	Tier 3 Form free verse imagery metaphor simile extended metaphor personification casesura enjambment semantic field syntactical pattern rhyme rhythm plosives cacophony euphony sibilance iambic pentameter dramatic monologue sonnet Romanticism	 Year 7, terms 3 and 4 (Survival of the fittest) Year 8, term 4 (Childhood poetry) Year 9, term 6 (Poetry: A sense of place) Year 10, term 6 (Unseen poetry)



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English Literature Paper 1 Section B – 19th Century Novel: 'The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Hyde' Fortnightly Language lessons Reading for meaning Assessment on poetry content, including Power and Conflict poems from earlier in year (sample Literature Paper 2 Sections B and C) Selecting evidence to support ideas about each Assessment on poetry content, including Power and Conflict poems from earlier in year (sample Literature Paper 2 Sections B and C) Tier 2 Acquaintance Asquaintance Blasphemy Gegeneracy Tier 3 Yekyll and Hyde' Links to prior knowledgeneracy Wood understanding that the plot and the label to be a support ideas about each Year 7, term 2 (memorable of the plot and the	Tracking
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02/03 – 22/05 (10 weeks)	Revision of English Language 'An Inspector Calls' revision 'Jekyll and Hyde' revision 'Macbeth' revision 'Power and Conflict' poetry revision Unseen poetry revision English Language: How to approach Language Paper 1 How to approach Language Paper 2 Literature texts: context plot writers' messages quotations for characters, themes and poems	 English Language: Exam timings Requirements for each question How to structure a response for each question English Literature: Exam timings How to plan an extract based question How to plan a non extract based question How to plan a comparison How to elevate a response How to improve analysis How to tackle an unseen poem 	Continuing formative assessment in class, including some of the following strategies: Book sampling Live marking Whole Class Feedback Hinge questioning Cold Calling Peer and self assessment/DIRT	Not sticking to timings Not reading for meaning closely enough Responses not meeting the requirements of the specific question and mark scheme English Literature: Not sticking to timings Not knowing the plot of the texts Not being able to make references to the text (with or without quotes) Not knowing the social and historical context of texts	See individual unit vocabulary	All of Year 10 and Year 11