



English curriculum overview – Year 7 (KS3)



Topic	Travel ('The Strangeworlds Travel Agency')	Shakespeare's Globe ('A Midsummer Night's Dream')	Growing Up ('A Monster Calls')
Length of topic (in weeks)	15- weeks	11 weeks	13 weeks
Links to specification	<p>Reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding and interpretation of texts (RF1) • Explore how writers use language, structure and form (Rf2) • Comparison (RF3) • Context (RF4) <p>Writing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication (WF1) • Structure and paragraphing (WF2) • Sentences, punctuation and spelling. (WF3) 		
Assessment Task(s)	<p>HT1: Reading: -fiction Explore how a character is presented. RF1 and 4</p> <p>HT2 Writing Article task based on a location in the book. WF1 and 2</p>	<p>HT3 Writing: Informal letter WF1 and WF3</p> <p>HT4 Reading: Drama Explore how a character is presented RF2</p>	<p>HT5 Reading: Poetry Poetry response RF 2</p> <p>HT6 Assessment via KS3 exam Writing: The Nightmare WF2 and WF3</p>
Key Knowledge	<p>Reading a text. Poetry response Creative writing Article writing Analysis of texts (fiction and non-fiction) Annotating texts Using sentences, vocabulary and punctuation for effect Adapting writing for format, purpose and audience Exploring writers' craft</p>	<p>Analysis of texts (fiction and non-fiction) Responding to unseen poetry Annotating texts Writing in the first person Informal letter writing Using sentences, vocabulary and punctuation for effect Adapting writing for format, purpose and audience Exploring how characters are presented Exploring writers' craft</p>	<p>Reading a text. Poetry response Creative writing Review writing Analysis of texts (fiction and non-fiction) Annotating texts Using sentences, vocabulary and punctuation for effect Adapting writing for format, purpose and audience Exploring writers' craft</p>

Year 7
Reading

	Understanding and interpretation of texts	Exploring how writers use language, structure, and form	Comparison	Context
Above	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You show a secure understanding, through interpretation, of ideas within a text. - You show a secure understanding and interpretation of explicit and implicit ideas. - You can support your ideas with a range of relevant quotations from a text. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You can identify a range of specific words, phrases, or techniques from relevant quotations. - Your explanations show a secure understanding of the effects writers are trying to achieve. - You can use some subject terminology accurately. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You can identify the main, and more subtle, similarities and differences between texts. - You can support your ideas with a range of relevant quotations from both texts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You can show a secure understanding of context within a text. - You can make links using your wider knowledge to show secure understanding of context.
Expected	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You can understand and interpret the main ideas within a text. - You can understand and interpret explicit ideas and some implicit ideas. - You can support your ideas with relevant quotations from a text. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You can identify specific words, phrases, or techniques from relevant quotations. - Your explanations show a general understanding of the effects writers are trying to achieve. - You can use some subject terminology. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You can identify the main similarities and differences between texts. - You can support your ideas with relevant quotations from both texts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You can show a general understanding of context within a text. - You can make links using your wider knowledge to show general understanding of context.
Working towards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You are beginning to understand and interpret the main ideas within a text. - You are beginning to understand and interpret explicit ideas and some implicit ideas. - You are beginning to support your ideas with some relevant quotations from a text. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You are beginning to identify specific words, phrases, or techniques from some relevant quotations. - Your explanations are beginning to show understanding of the effects writers are trying to achieve. - You are beginning to use some subject terminology. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You are beginning to identify the main similarities and differences between texts. - You are beginning to support your ideas with some relevant quotations from both texts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You are beginning to show some understanding of context within a text. - You are beginning to make links using your wider knowledge to show some understanding of context.

Year 7
Writing

	Communication	Structure and Paragraphing	Sentences, Punctuation, and Spelling
Above	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You can demonstrate a clear understanding of the purpose and format of the task. - You can show a clear understanding of the reader/ intended audience - You can use content that is developed and in an appropriate style - Your use of ambitious vocabulary is beginning to develop 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You can organise writing in a developed and coherent structure that is appropriate for the task - You can link your ideas together in a coherent way throughout your writing - You can use paragraphs for accuracy and effect 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You can use a variety of sentence structures with increasing effect - You can use sentences that are almost always grammatically correct, including tenses. - You can use a wide range of punctuation that is almost always accurate - Your spelling, including that of irregular words, is secure.
Expected	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You can show a general awareness of the purpose and format of the task - You can show general awareness of the reader/ intended audience - You can use relevant content in your writing - You can use vocabulary for effect with general success 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You can organise writing in a structure that is appropriate for the task - You can link your ideas together in a connected way - You can use clear and accurate paragraphs - 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You can use a variety of sentence structures with some effect - You can use sentences that are mostly grammatically correct, including tenses. - You can use punctuation that is mostly accurate - Your spelling of most regular words is accurate - Your spelling of some irregular or ambitious words is accurate
Working towards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You are beginning to show an awareness of the purpose and format of the task - You are beginning to show a general awareness of the reader/ intended audience - You are beginning to use relevant content in your writing - You are beginning to use vocabulary to create an effect 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You are beginning to organise writing in a structure that is appropriate for the task - You are beginning to link your ideas together in a connected way - You are beginning to use clear and accurate paragraphs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You are beginning to use different sentence structures in your writing - You are beginning to use sentences that are grammatically correct, including tenses. - You are beginning to use punctuation that is sometimes accurate - You are beginning to spell most regular words accurately - You are attempting to spell some irregular or ambitious words

English curriculum overview – Year 8 (KS3)

Topic	Mystery ('Smart', 'Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time' or 'Cirque Du Freak')	Conflict ('War Horse' play)	Dystopia ('The Giver')
Length of topic (in weeks)	15 weeks	11 weeks	13 weeks
Links to specification	<p>Reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding and interpretation of texts (RF1) • Explore how writers use language, structure and form (Rf2) • Comparison (RF3) • Context (RF4) <p>Writing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication (WF1) • Structure and paragraphing (WF2) • Sentences, punctuation and spelling. (WF3) 		
Assessment Task(s)	HT1 Writing: Formal letter WF1 and WF3 HT2 Reading Explore how the writer engages/creates sympathy/builds drama/creates tension etc. in this extract? RF1 and RF4	HT3 Writing Report about the conditions on the battlefield. WF1 3 HT4 Reading: Explore how the theme of war is presented in the poem RF2 RF4	HT5 Writing: Creative writing: Create a dystopian world WF2 and WF3 HT6 Reading: Assessment via KS3 exam Explore how the writer (non-fiction text) RF1 and RF2
Key Knowledge	Analysis of texts (fiction and non-fiction) Responding to poetry (single poem) Annotating texts Developing detail in our writing Formal letter writing Using sentences, vocabulary and punctuation for effect Adapting writing for format, purpose and audience How to answer extract questions (link to GCSE) Exploring writers' craft	Analysis of texts (fiction and non-fiction) Responding to unseen poetry (single poem) Annotating texts Narrative writing Report writing Using sentences, vocabulary and punctuation for effect Adapting writing for format, purpose and audience Developing responses to language questions.	Analysis of texts (fiction and non-fiction) Poetry comparison (linked by theme) Annotating texts Narrative writing Review writing Using sentences, vocabulary and punctuation for effect Adapting writing for format, purpose and audience Developing responses to language questions. Responding to an extract question.

Year 8 Reading

	Understanding and interpretation of texts	Exploring how writers use language, structure, and form	Comparison	Context
Above	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You show a secure understanding, through interpretation, of ideas within a text. - You show a secure understanding and interpretation of explicit and implicit ideas. - You can support your ideas with a range of relevant quotations from a text and are starting to embed them. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You can identify a range of specific words, phrases, or techniques from relevant quotations. - Your explanations show a secure understanding of the effects writers are trying to achieve. - You can use subject terminology that is mostly accurate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You can beginning to explore the main, and more subtle, similarities and differences between texts. - You can support your ideas You can support your ideas with a range of relevant quotations from both texts and are starting to embed them 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You can show a secure understanding of context within a text. - You can make links using your wider knowledge to show secure understanding of context.
Expected	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You can understand and interpret the main, and more subtle, ideas within a text. - You can understand and interpret explicit ideas and implicit ideas. - You can support your ideas with a widening range of relevant quotations from a text. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You can identify specific words, phrases, or techniques from relevant quotations. - Your explanations show an understanding of the effects writers are trying to achieve. - You can use some subject terminology. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You can identify the main similarities and differences between texts. - You can support your ideas with a widening range of relevant quotations from both text. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You can show understanding of context within a text. - You can make links using your wider knowledge to show understanding of context.
Working towards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You can understand and interpret the main ideas within a text. - You can understand and interpret explicit ideas and some implicit ideas. - You can support your ideas with some relevant quotations from a text. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You are beginning to identify specific words, phrases, or techniques from relevant quotations. - Your explanations are beginning to show understanding of the effects writers are trying to achieve. - You are beginning to use some subject terminology. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You can identify some similarities and differences between texts. - You can support your ideas with some relevant quotations from both texts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You can some understanding of context within a text. - You can make some links using your wider knowledge to show some understanding of context.

Year 8
Writing

	Communication	Structure and Paragraphing	Sentences, Punctuation, and Spelling
Above	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You can demonstrate a clear understanding of the purpose and format of the task. - You can show a clear understanding of the reader/ intended audience. - You can use content that is developed and in a more ambitious style. - Your use of vocabulary is becoming more ambitious and precise. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You can organise writing in a developed and coherent structure that is appropriate for the task. - You can link your ideas together in a developed and coherent way throughout your writing. - You can use paragraphs for accuracy and effect. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You can use a variety of sentence structures with effect. - You can use sentences that are almost always grammatically correct, including tenses. - You can use a wide range of punctuation that is almost always accurate. - Your spelling, including that of irregular words, is secure.
Expected	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You can show an understanding of the purpose and format of the task - You can show an understanding of the reader/ intended audience - You can use relevant content in your writing - You can use vocabulary for effect with increasing success. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You can organise writing in a structure that is appropriate for the task, with detail. - You can link your ideas together in a coherent way - You can use clear and accurate paragraphs with some effect. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You can use a variety of sentence structures with some effect. - You can use sentences that are mostly grammatically correct, including tenses. - You can use punctuation that is mostly accurate. - Your spelling of most regular words is accurate. - Your spelling of some irregular or ambitious words is accurate.
Working towards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You show an awareness of the purpose and format of the task. - You show a general awareness of the reader/ intended audience. - You are using mostly relevant content in your writing. - You use vocabulary to create some effect. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You can organise writing in a structure that is appropriate for the task. - You can link your ideas together in a connected way. - You can use clear paragraphs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You can use different sentence structures in your writing. - You can use sentences that are grammatically correct, including tenses. - You can use punctuation that is sometimes accurate - You can spell most regular words accurately You can spell some irregular or ambitious words

English curriculum overview – Year 9 (KS3)

Topic	Inequality (<i>'Noughts and Crosses'</i> or <i>'Ghost Boys'</i>)	Relationships (<i>'Romeo and Juliet'</i>)	People (<i>'An Inspector Calls'</i>)
Length of topic (in weeks)	15 weeks	11 weeks	13 weeks
Links to specification	<p>Reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understanding and interpretation of texts (RF1) Explore how writers use language, structure and form (Rf2) Comparison (RF3) Context (RF4) <p>Writing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communication (WF1) Structure and paragraphing (WF2) Sentences, punctuation and spelling. (WF3) 		
Assessment Tasks	<p>HT1 Reading Explore and analyse how the theme of inequality is presented in this extract. RF2</p> <p>HT2 Writing Formal letter about inequality. WF2 and WF3</p>	<p>HT3 Writing Write a story with the title: <i>'The Party'</i> WF 2 and 3</p> <p>HT4 Reading Compare how the poems <i>'Sonnet 130'</i> and <i>'Havisham'</i>/<i>'My Last Duchess'</i> present the theme of relationships. RF1 and 3</p>	<p>HT5 Writing Speech RF2 and RF3</p> <p>HT6 Assessment via KS3 exam Reading Explore how the character of _____ is presented in the play. RF1</p>
Key Knowledge	<p>Analysis of texts (fiction and non-fiction) Responding to a poem. Annotating texts Developing detail in our writing Formal letter writing Using sentences, vocabulary and punctuation for effect Adapting writing for format, purpose and audience How to answer extract questions</p>	<p>Analysis of texts (fiction and non-fiction) Comparing texts Writing from different perspectives Personal/evaluation responses Poetry comparison Annotating texts Developing detail in our writing Informal letter writing Using sentences, vocabulary and punctuation for effect Adapting writing for format, purpose and audience How to answer extract questions (link to GCSE)</p>	<p>Analysis of texts (fiction and non-fiction) Writing from different perspectives Responding to poetry Annotating texts Developing detail in our writing Using sentences, vocabulary and punctuation for effect Adapting writing for format, purpose and audience How to answer extract questions (link to GCSE) Speech writing</p>

Year 9
Reading

	Understanding and interpretation of texts	Exploring how writers use language, structure, and form	Comparison	Context
Above	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You show some thoughtful understanding, through interpretation, of ideas within a text. - You show some thoughtful understanding and interpretation of explicit and implicit ideas. - You can support your ideas with a range of relevant quotations from a text and are starting to embed them. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You can identify, and are beginning to make links between, a range of specific words, phrases, or techniques from relevant quotations. - Your explanations show some thoughtful understanding of the effects writers are trying to achieve. - You can use subject terminology that is mostly accurate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You can explore the main and subtle similarities and differences between texts. - You can support your ideas with a range of relevant quotations from a text and are starting to embed them from both texts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You show some thoughtful understanding of context within a text. - You can make links using your wider knowledge to show some thoughtful understanding of context.
Expected	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You show a secure understanding, through interpretation, of ideas within a text. - You show a secure understanding and interpretation of explicit and implicit ideas. - You can support your ideas with a range of relevant quotations from a text. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You can identify a range of specific words, phrases, or techniques from relevant quotations. - Your explanations show a secure understanding of the effects writers are trying to achieve. - You can use some subject terminology accurately. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You can identify the main, and some subtle, similarities and differences between texts. - You can support your ideas with a range of relevant quotations from both texts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You show a secure understanding of context within a text. - You can make links using your wider knowledge to show secure understanding of context.
Working towards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You can understand and interpret the main ideas within a text. - You can understand and interpret explicit ideas and some implicit ideas. - You can support your ideas with relevant quotations from a text. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You can identify specific words, phrases, or techniques from relevant quotations. - Your explanations show a general understanding of the effects writers are trying to achieve. - You can use some subject terminology. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You can identify the main similarities and differences between texts. - You can support your ideas with relevant quotations from both texts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You show a general understanding of context within a text. - You can make links using your wider knowledge to show general understanding of context.

Year 9
Writing

	Communication	Structure and Paragraphing	Sentences, Punctuation, and Spelling
Above	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You can demonstrate a secure understanding of the purpose and format of the task. - You can show a secure understanding of the reader/ intended audience. - You can use content that is developed and ambitious in style. - Your use of vocabulary is ambitious. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You can organise writing in a developed, secure, and coherent structure that is appropriate for the task - You can link your ideas together in a coherent and developed way throughout your writing. - You can use paragraphs for accuracy and effect. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You can use a variety of sentence structures with deliberate effect - You can use sentences that are almost always grammatically correct, including tenses. - You can use a wide range of punctuation that is almost always accurate - Your spelling, including that of irregular words, is secure.
Expected	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You can demonstrate a clear understanding of the purpose and format of the task. - You can show a clear understanding of the reader/ intended audience. - You can use content that is developed and in an appropriate style. - Your use of ambitious vocabulary is beginning to develop. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You can organise writing in a developed and coherent structure that is appropriate for the task - You can link your ideas together in a coherent way throughout your writing - You can use paragraphs for accuracy and effect 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You can use a variety of sentence structures with increasing effect. - You can use sentences that are usually grammatically correct, including tenses. - You can use a wide range of punctuation that is usually accurate. - Your spelling, including that of irregular words, is increasingly secure.
Working towards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You can show a general awareness of the purpose and format of the task. - You can show general awareness of the reader/ intended audience. - You can use relevant content in your writing - You can use vocabulary for effect with general success 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You can organise writing in a structure that is appropriate for the task - You can link your ideas together in a connected way - You can use clear and accurate paragraphs - 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You can use a variety of sentence structures with some effect. - You can use sentences that are sometimes grammatically correct, including tenses. - You can use punctuation that is sometimes accurate - Your spelling of most regular words is accurate Your spelling of some irregular or ambitious words is accurate.