

English Curriculum Map 2025-2026

KS3- National Curriculum for England/ Learning Language through Literature approach to the National Curriculum

KS4- AQA GCSE (9-1) English Language:

Paper 1: Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing (8700/1)

Paper 2: Writer's Viewpoints and Perspectives (8700/2)

	Autumn term 1 (8)	Autumn term 2 (7)	Spring term 1 (6)	Spring term 2 (5)	Summer term 1 (6)	Summer term 2 (7)
Year 7	Baseline Reading Assessment (AO1–3) Reading: The novel Once (AO1–4)	Novel: Once (AO1–4) MCQs Vocabulary Assessment (AO2) Mini Writing & Reading Assessments (AO5–6)	Poetry to Inspire (AO2–3) Poetry Assessment (AO2–4)	Unit 5 Sherlock Holmes (15)	Unit 5 Sherlock Holmes (7) Unit 7 Dystopian settings (16)	Unit 6 – The Twisted Tree (32)
Year 8	Baseline Reading Assessment (AO1–3) Reading: The novel Trash (AO1–4)	Novel: Trash Vocabulary Test (AO2) (AO1–4) MCQs Mini Writing & Reading Assessments (AO5–6)	Poetry: Places (AO2–3) Poetry Assessment (AO1–4)	Unit 4 taking a stand (14)	Unit 3 Participating in debates (4) Unit 6 Victorian childhood (8) Unit 9 History of language (8)	Unit 1 Myths, legends and stories that inspire (28)
Year 9	Baseline Reading Assessment (AO1–3) Reading: The novel Animal Farm (AO1–4)	Novel: Animal Farm (AO1–4) MCQs Vocabulary Test (AO2) Mini Writing and Reading Assessments (AO5–6)	Poetry: Relationships (AO2–3) Poetry Assessment (AO1–4)	Unit 3 Malevolent characters (10) Unit 6 Slam poetry (4)	Unit 2 Women's rights (25)	Unit 5 Comparing poetry from WW1 (11) Unit 9 Simon Armitage (10)
Year 10 GCSE	AQA English Language Paper 1 Baseline Reading Assessment (AO1–4) Play: An Inspector Calls (AO1–4)	Play: An Inspector Calls (AO1–4) MCQs Vocabulary Test (AO2) Reading/Writing Tasks (AO5–6)	Novel: A Christmas Carol (AO1–4) MCQs Vocabulary Test (AO2) Reading/Writing Tasks (AO5–6)	Unit 3 Spoken language (14)	Unit 5 Science fiction writing (10) Unit 7 Ending stories (8)	Unit 6 Non-fiction changing views (18) Unit 4 Non-fiction letter writing (6)

	Autumn term 1 (8)	Autumn term 2 (7)	Spring term 1 (6)	Spring term 2 (5)	Summer term 1 (6)	Summer term 2 (7)
Year 11 GCSE	AQA English Language Exam Practice Paper 2 Baseline (AO1–6) Unit: Shakespeare either Macbeth or Romeo and Juliet Assessment Objectives (AO 1- 6)	Play: An Inspector Calls (AO1–4) Recap Novel: A Christmas Carol (AO1–4) Recap	Poetry: Power And Conflict Recap (AO1–4) Speaking & Listening (AO7–9)	AQA English Language Preparation Paper 1 Assessment (AO5 and AO6)	Unit: Unseen Poetry (AO1-6)	Exam Preparation
P16	The Post 16 scheme is dependent on the qualification they are doing. This will be provided to individual students at the start of Post 16.	This Year we will be following the Scheme of Work for the AQA Eng- lish Language GCSE Papers 1 and 2 (Similar to Year 10)				

Year 11 and above may be entered for Entry level or Functional Skills Qualifications. Decisions will be reached individually for each student.

This plan is subject to change.

Key

AQA English Language AOs:

A01: Identify and interpret explicit and implicit information and ideas. Select and synthesise evidence from different texts.

A02: Explain, comment on, and analyse how writers use language and structure to achieve effects and influence readers.

A03: Compare writers' ideas and perspectives across two or more texts.

A04: Evaluate texts critically and support this with appropriate textual references.

A05: Communicate clearly, effectively, and imaginatively, selecting and adapting tone, style, and register.

A06: Use a range of vocabulary and sentence structures for clarity, purpose, and effect, with accurate spelling and punctuation.

A07: Demonstrate presentation skills in a formal setting.

A08: Listen and respond appropriately to spoken language.

A09: Use spoken Standard English effectively in speeches and presentations.

AQA English Literature AOs:

A01: Read, understand, and respond to texts, maintaining a critical style and developing an informed personal response.

A02: Analyse the language, form, and structure used by a writer to create meanings and effects.

A03: Show understanding of the relationships between texts and the contexts in which they were written.

A04: Use a range of vocabulary and sentence structures with accurate spelling and punctuation.

AQA Speaking and Listening / Spoken Language AOs:

A07 Demonstrate presentation skills in a formal setting — Deliver a structured talk, presentation, or speech using clear expression and appropriate vocabulary.

A08 Listen and respond appropriately to spoken language, including questions and feedback — Show understanding, engagement, and interaction with others in discussion.

A09 Use spoken Standard English effectively in speeches and presentations — Control tone, style, and register to suit the audience, purpose, and situation.