Overall Curriculum Intent - English Year 7 'Achievement'

The Fertile Question: how has the development of English Language and Literature made an impact on the world and those who have accomplished greatness?

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Term 1 – Ancient Epics		Term 2 – Shakespeare (The Tempest)	Term 3 – Overcoming Adversity	
Knowledg e	Transition unit: Ancient Epics	Shakespeare's Beginnings & The Tempest	The Romantics & Overcoming Adversity	
Introduce d Key vocabular y/concep ts/ ideas students must master	Reading: Odysseus & Other Cultural Epics (Gilgamesh). Beowulf & British legends – How oral storytelling evolved Writing: Effective narrative openings (Focus on atmosphere Grammatical constructs: sentences forms, Etymology, History of Language. Spoken Language: Exploratory discussion (Who are modern our day heroes?) Structure of epics – contextual knowledge origins of Greek storytelling How is Odysseus presented as a hero? Comparing with heroes from other epics/ancient cultures (Gilgamesh)	Reading: contextual understanding of the Elizabethan era and the play to write an analysis of the presentation of a character. Focusing on: The Tempest with a focus on various extracts for analysis of the play based on theme and character. Writing: transactional - a leaflet that focuses on London/theatre Spoken Language: Exploratory discussion (Why do we study Shakespeare and what made his work great? Presentational (roleplay – scene from the play) What was life like in the 1500's 1600's? Rural life and illiteracy Social status and beliefs Power of religion and religious texts (The Bible) Role of theatre 'the nest of the devils'	Reading: anthology of Romanticism – various poems from Keats, Wordsworth, Shelley, Blake. Oliver Twist Extracts and nonfiction extracts that link to the industrial revolution and 19 th century England Nonfiction exploration of modern issues. Writing: Creating a poem with a message – focus on poetic devices for effective form and structure. Spoken Language: Exploratory (is true beauty found in nature or can it be manufactured?) What is Romantic Poetry? Connection with nature Innocence and ideas of childhood The Sublime	
	Focus on the writer's use of lexical set for comparison	Role of women in life and stage Shakespeare's life	 Protesting voices and themes that were highlighted: child labour, slavery, political corruption 	
	What are the features of a Homeric hero?	Where he grew up and his childhood experiences	How to analyse poetry	
	Demi-Gods with military valour	 His adult life and his acting/writing career London and the theatre How is power presented in The Tempest? 	 Poetic techniques Structural techniques including: enjambment, anaphora, stanza 	

- Achilles and The Iliad tracking the tragic hero
- · Honor, glory, pride
- Consider concept of 'tragic hero'

Introduction to narrative openings Focus on the four parts of the exposition

- How does a writer use atmosphere to create the perfect setting?
- Narrative hooks
- Grammatical structures including building on sentences variety for effect. With a (action), short effect, subordinating conjunction. Fronted adverbials and triple word colons.

How did the story of Beowulf come to exist?

- Look at the history of this poem
- Why is it still relevant?
- Focus on Anglo Saxon origins of language
 Celtic language
- Oral traditions
- Contrasting characters (villains/ Grendel)

Deliberate sentences forms for descriptive writing: simple compound, complex (ed,ing,ly, 3 ed, emotion & Tell: show 3)

Introduction to narrative writing with a focus on character Protagonist & Antagonist.

- How do writers create effective characters?
- What are the key features/devices to use when creating a description of a character?
- Freytag's pyramid and focus on exposition writing (setting, character, atmosphere, inciting incident)

Tier 2 & 3 Vocabulary Idiom

- Power as corrupting
- Power as the male pursuit.
- Power that comes from knowledge vs power from titles/status
- Power and magic/ illusion vs reality
- Power and colonialisation
- Focus on key extracts/characters/ Human nature

How is vengeance presented in The Tempest?

- Treason
- Obsessiveness
- Idea of Christian forgiveness
- Reconciliation

What are Shakespeare's methods?

- Form and structural techniques (5 acts)
- Language techniques
- Use of the stage (Hell bellow, Earth the stage, Heaven above)

Roleplay

- Key scene from the play to be acted out rewritten and performed.
- Providing structured criticism

How do we write effective analytical paragraphs?

- Thesis statements
- Embedding quotations
- Explaining the relevance of selected quotations.

Creating a persuasive leaflet

- What rhetorical techniques can be applied.
- What presentation techniques are important for this format
- Applying grammatical constructs: do you?... you should, more/more, if...if...ithen

Introduction into structured group discussion

Form: dramatic monologue, sonnet, free verse

What modern issues do people want to highlight? Who are the active voices of protest today?

- Global warming, hunting, poverty, homelessness, education.
- Malala, Greta Thunberg.

How to write effective poetry with a message. (protest)

- Consider perspective
- Implied speaker
- Poetic techniques
- Form & structure

Structured group discussion

- Using Harkness chart to track the discussion
- building on other groups ideas to enhance own discussion.

Who was Charles Dickens and what issues did he write about in his novel?

- Poverty
- Anti-establishment
- · Society's treatment of children

Oliver Twist

- What message was Dickens sending to the wealthy in society?
- How does Dickens juxtapose the class system?
- Themes of innocence, childhood, love, neglect, poverty etc
- What is special about the protagonist?

Wider issues nonfiction

- Views on the treatment of women
- Articles that explore working conditions
- The Poor law perspectives

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	Noun appositive		Sharing ideas		•	
	Explicit		 Using specific roles for each person within the 			
	Implicit		group. The clarifier, the questioner, the instigator,		Tier 2 & 3 vocabulary	
	Analyse		the reviewer etc		Romanticism	
	Homeric hero				Sublime	
	Epithet		Tier 2 & 3 vocabulary		Reverence	
	Antagonist		Perspective		Liberalism	
	Etymology		Thesis		Sentimental	
	Language		Patriarchy		Inspiration	
	Archetypes		Hierarchy		Anti-establishment	
	Heroism		Monarchy		Awe	
	Hubris		Renaissance		Stanza	
	Glory		Tempest		Enjambment	
	Vengeance		Colonialism		Anaphora	
	Virtue		Displacement		Plight	
	Adverbial		Enslavement		Industrialisation	
	Tense		Regicide		Revolution	
	Protagonist		Usurpation		Allusion	
	Context		Treason		Juxtaposition	
	Atmosphere		Manipulation		Incongruity	
	Autosphere		Aside		Surplus	
			Soliloquy		Destitute	
			lambic pentameter		Facetious	
			Paris Paris			
Knowledg	Building on KS2, the	Students will be able to	Students may have	Link back to prior learning of epics	Shelley as a female gothic	
е	ancient Greeks recap and	use their prior	studied Shakespeare	(seeking glory and power)	writer links to Y8 study of	Link back to discussion on
revisited	delve into the cultural	understanding of epic	at KS2 – so they may	Link forward to Romantic poets who	gothic literature.	modern day heroes and
	developments and what	poetry from HT1 and	know some basic	question human nature (Shelley)	Link to inequality and suffrage	the issues they believe in
	Ancient Greece of famous	apply it to their learning	contextual	This will give an understanding for	studied in Y8. Voices that	as well as building on the
	for – link forward to	from this HT. Including	information. Building	the study of Othello in Y9, with link	inspired Dickens and his	understanding of the
	philosophers and the	links to how writers	on this we will look in	to enslavement.	liberalism are important	advancement of society.
	Greek art of rhetoric	effectively manipulate	depth at the	KS4 link to Macbeth, the context,	factors for the next HT.	Potential for Summer
	studied across ks3. Also,	through language use,	historical, contextual	and writer's craft.	KS4 link to Power and Conflict	reading transition to Year
	the nonfiction element	which they will look at	information from the		cluster of poetry: Wordsworth	8 activity links with the
	lays a foundation for the	when studying	Elizabethan era which		& Blake. Contextual	first HT of Yr8 Vile
	next unit which focuses	Shakespeare in HT3&4	students will use in		understanding for context	Victorians and inspiration
	on British myths/Anglo-	ideas about journey and	the next HT and YR9		surrounding A Christmas	for the gothic genre.
	Saxon language Links to	conquest are prevalent	when they study		Carol.	KS4 link – A Christmas
	rhetoric	in The Tempest – note	Othello.			Carol and the poem
	KS4 link - Study of	Greek epics and other	link to KS4 Macbeth			London by Blake.
	Macbeth as a tragic hero	historical literature	and the themes of			,
	(hamartia-fatal flaw)	inspired the work of	power, appearance vs			
		Shakespeare.	reality.			
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		KS4 link to Power & conflict cluster of poetry studied (Ozymandias)			
CEIAG Links/ Opportun ities	Young Writers Competition	Poetry by Heart Competition (Gatsby benchmark 4 – technical accuracy The importance of excellent communication)	Presenting opportunities Gatsby Benchmark 4 – persuasive speeches (applications/personal statements/standing out in competitive market)	Poetry By Heart	Young Writers Competition

Overall Curriculum Intent - English Year 8 'Industry'

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Term 1 – Gothic		Term 2 – The 'industry' of Women	Term 3 – Dystopia & War	
Knowledge Introduced Key vocabulary /concepts/	Gothic Literature: Dracula Reading: Bram Stoker's Dracula – extract	Non-fiction Extracts relating to women and the suffrage movement (6 weeks) The Book Thief (12 weeks) Reading: contextual understanding of the Edwardian	Dystopia & War poetry Reading: anthology of war poetry and an anthology of	
deas tudents nust naster	analysis Victorian Focus on the rise of gothic and how it represented Britain at that time. Considering Darwin's Theory of Evolution and what that did to the superstitious/religious Victorian society.	era. Social change and global events such as WW1 & WWII had on reforms. Creating analytical paragraphs, building thesis statements and explanations based on nonfiction that links to the times of early 1900's Writing: transactional – a speech to parliament on equality. Rhetoric	Dystopian novels – various poems from Owen, Sasson Graves, Brittan. Writing: Describing a dystopic scene. Spoken Language: Exploratory discussion pairs (is warever justified?)	
	Writing: Narrative (Character) Grammatical constructs: A range of sentences forms for effect Spoken Language: Exploratory discussion pairs (Why are people so interested in the macabre?) Contextual knowledge relating to author and times • Victorian view of women • Victorian view on new technologies/industrialization • Victorian view on theories that question religion	Spoken Language: Presentation- paired relating to equality. What was life like in the 1900's for women? Suffragettes and empowerment Attitudes towards women Nonfiction extracts (speeches) Role of propaganda The Art of Rhetoric Aristotelian Triad Classical speech structure	 Central themes such as: societies engaged in forever wars, and characterized by extreme social and economic class divides, mass poverty, environmental devastation, anarchy, and loss of individuality Common Dystopian Tropes: False utopia, Oppressive Governments, Power Obsession, Education Ban Nature of humanity Huxleyan Rule by democratic, totalitarian, capitalist, technocratic systems 	
	How are the central themes presented? • Supernatural elements • Madness • Good vs Evil • Modernity	What rhetorical techniques can be applied – repetition, rhetorical questions, anecdotes.	How does the writer use language to present • Using key extracts to analyze methods/intentions	

Religion

What is the structure of an epistolary novel?

 Multiple text types, journals, letters from multiple perspectives. Using Freytag's to track the plot.

Comparing Van Helsing and Dracula

 How does Stoker present his protagonist & antagonist?

How do we create effective analytical paragraphs?

- Writing thesis statement/topic sentences
- Embedding quotations
- Language zoom in

Narrative writing with a focus on character 1st person perspective.

- How do writers create effective characters?
- What are the key features/devices to use when creating a narrative from the perspective of a character?
- When, when, when, then & Anadiplosis (see sentence map Year 8)

Sentence Map.docx

Tier 2 & 3 Vocabulary

Epistolary

Gothic

Promethean

Metamorphosis

Allusions

Supplication

Volition

Callous

Avarice

- What presentation techniques are important for this format
- Applying grammatical constructs: (see Sentence Map.docx)

How does Markus Zusak create a strong female protagonist?

- Focus on Death as a narrator (perspective)
- Impact of holocaust
- The Book Thief's rich figurative language and themes.
- Death is the most obvious example of personification in the text; however, Death employs a great deal of similes, metaphors, hyperboles, and personification in its narration. One of the most essential themes in this novel is, "Words have worlds of power." As Liesel learns to read, and then write, she steals something beyond books—she takes agency over the effects of a perilous war that is beyond her control.
- There are several instances of epistolary content in the novel letters, illustrated stories from Max, etc.—that support this idea

How do we write effective analytical paragraphs?

- Thesis statements
- Embedding quotations
- Explaining the relevance of selected quotations.
- Analysing key words to strengthen answers

Tier 2 & 3 vocabulary

Unreliable Narrator

How are the horrors of war presented through the poets' use of

- Consider perspective (context)
- Implied speaker
- Poetic techniques
- Form & structure
- Themes loss, brutality, destruction of the natural world etc

Imagery and figurative techniques to create description.

- Subordination Conjunction
- 3 -ed
- Weather personification
- Similes/metaphors
- Expanded noun phrases
- Planning, drafting, editing

Sentence Map.docx

Structured paired discussion

- Using Harkness chart to track the discussion
- building on other pairings' ideas to enhance own discussion.

Tier 2 & 3 vocabulary

Dystopia

Utopia

Dehumanizing

Trope

Oppression

Totalitarian

Capitalist

Personification

Propaganda

	Rapacious Misogynist Superstition Anadiplosis		Omniscient Sarcasm Motif Rebellion Abandonment Connotation Ethos Pathos Logos Rhetoric Suffrage Empowerment			
Knowledge revisited	Links to Y7 superstition of the Elizabethan audience – moving forward what knowledge changed peoples' persectives on this. Link to KS4 Macbeth and ACC considering themes of ambition and greed.	Buildng on grammatical structures from Y7 linking to writing a narrative. Mastery of the exposition, now working on the complete construct. KS4 links AO5 &6 Language Paper 1	Epistolary text – links to structure of DRACULA. Building on knowledge of the powerful protagonist in Y7. Links to KS4 themes of Abandonment and inequality in An Inspector Calls.	Building on Y7 Protest poetry (Romantics) Using voice and perspective, writing a transactional piece. KS4 – link to Language Paper 2 AO5 & 6	Building on the evolution of English Language and literature learnt in y7 to consider the Dystopia surge/popularity/authorial messages. KS4 Power and conflict cluster of poetry will be studied – this will foreground contextual understanding.	Ensuring the poetic knowledge from y7 is embedded by focus on poetic form, also building on the grammatical structures from descriptive unit. KS4 Language Paper 1 AO5 &
CEIAG Links/ Opportunit ies	Young Writers Competition		Gatsby Benchmark 5 – guest speaker from a creative career.	Presenting opportunities Gatsby Benchmark 4 – persuasive speeches (applications/personal statements/standing out in competitive market)	Poetry By Heart	

Overall Curriculum Intent - English Year 9 'Character'

The Fertile Question: 'How does understanding 'characteristics' influence our interpretation of English Language, Literature and the world around us?'

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Term 1 – Postmodern Issues		Term 2 – Shakespeare's Characters	Term 3 – Cultural Influences	
Knowledg e Introduce	Key text: The Crucible	Key text: Othello	Key text: The Kite Runner	
d Key	Reading : Viewing the play as an allegory for	Reading: understanding and exploration of early	Reading: Contextual understanding of modern	
vocabular	McCarthyism – contextual understanding	modern and contemporary attitudes to race	history of Afghanistan from the coup against the	
y/concep	of communism. Viewing the play through	through the study of Othello.	king Zahir Shah, to the Soviet-Afghan War, to the	
ts/ ideas students	different literary lenses (social/gender etc)	Writing: Article	rise of the Taliban.	
must	Writing: Letter	Spoken Language: Presentation- paired relating to	Writing: Creating a poem.	
master	Grammatical constructs: A range of	hate crimes and racism and how this is presented	Spoken Language: Exploratory discussion pairs	
	sentences forms for effect	in the media.	(is it ever too late for someone to redeem	
	Spoken Language: Exploratory discussion		themselves?)	
	pairs (Should one government represent all	What are the elements of a Shakespearean		
	in society?)	tragedy?	How does The Kite Runner compare to the	
			myth of Rostam and Sohrab?	
	Contextual knowledge relating to author	One main character with a fatal flaw		
	and times	(Hamartia) the tragic hero	Cultural differences between Sunni	
	What is an allegory?	A dichotomy of good vs evil	and Shia Muslims and the persecution	
	Political views of the playwright	Issues of fate and fortune	of ethnic Hazaras.	
	Symbolism through	Supernatural elements		
	characterisation	•	How does Hosseini structure the novel? What	
		Foul revenge	are the big idea and themes linking to plot and	
	• 1950's America	External and internal conflict	character?	
		How does Shakespeare characterise lago and	Cilaracter:	
	How is John Procter a modern tragic hero?	Othello?		

- Link to Shakespeare's characterisation of the tragic hero
 - Macbeth and Othello
- Indirect characterisation (using other characters to inform)

How do we create effective analytical paragraphs?

- Writing thesis statement/topic sentences – the big ideas
- Embedding quotations
- Language zoom in and its effects
- Making links across the full text
- Structuring full essays
- 'The big idea' within a text

Transactional writing with a focus on perspective. Letter

- How do writers create effective arguments?
- What are the key features/devices to use when creating a formal letter considering perspective?
- See sentence map

Sentence Map.docx

Tier 2 & 3 Vocabulary

Theocratic

Puritan

Tragic hero

Hysteria

- Journey of the tragic hero
- lago's single story
- manipulation

What themes are relevant to the development of the characters and plot?

- Incompatibility of military heroism and love
- The danger of isolation
- Jealousy
- Deception and treachery

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- Explaining the relevance of selected quotations.
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Writing an article – modern views on racism Looking at a collection of nonfiction news articles with similar content.

Sentence Map.docx

How to write an effective article?

- Consider PAFFO
- Structure & content
- Discourse markers
- Perspective

- the novel is framed as a recollection of Amir's life, the opening pages describe Amir receiving a call from his "past of unatoned sins," and establishes that something happened in "the winter of 1975" that shaped the rest of his life, solidifying Amir's voice, and personal development as central to The Kite Runner.
- Metaphor, symbolism, and foreshadowing
- Use of flashbacks
- Using key extracts to analyze methods/intentions
- The narrative arc of the book, which is a logical, symmetrical progression from shame and guilt to love and redemption
- Describe the purpose and effect of the flashbacks throughout the story.
- Explain the importance of names in the novel, giving relevant examples.
- Trace Amir's coming of age in the story, noting key points in his growth and development.
- Explain the many types of prejudice in the novel and show how they affect the characters.
- Identify and analyze symbols in the novel, including kites, the pomegranate tree, the lamb, and Hassan's cleft lip.
- Analyze the significance of the novel within the context of Afghan history and politics.

Intolerance Hyperbole & other rhetoric Imagery and figurative techniques to create Defamation **Pious** Tier 2 & 3 vocabulary poetry – looking at poems from other cultures **Logical fallacies** for inspiration. Revenge Providence Manipulation Sentence Map.docx **Dramatic irony** Blessing (Dharker) Soliloquy Motif Night of the Scorpion (Eziekiel) Machiavel **Foils** Hamartia Racism Similes/metaphors **Dichotomy** Stanzas Personification Pathetic fallacy Planning, drafting, editing Structured paired discussion • Using Harkness chart to track the discussion building on other pairings' ideas to enhance own discussion. Tier 2 & 3 vocabulary Allusion Redemption Affluent Nemesis Martyr **Epiphany**

Knowledg e revisited	Links to Y7 superstition of the Elizabethan audience – moving forward what knowledge changed peoples' persectives on this, Link to KS4 Macbeth and ACC considering themes of ambition, greed and the	Buildng on grammatical structures from Y7 and Yr. 8 transactional writing of a speech linking to writing a Letter. KS4 links AO5 &6 Language Paper 1	Eponymous tragic hero text – links to yr. 7 Beowulf & yr. 8 Dracula. Building on knowledge of the powerful protagonist in Y7 & 8. Links to KS4 themes of Abandonment and	Building on Y7 The Tempest conventions of comedy vs tragedy & Renaissance. KS4 – link to Language Paper 2 AO5 & 6	Building on the study of War poetry in Yr. 8. KS4 Power and conflict cluster of poetry will be studied – this will foreground contextual understanding.	Ensuring the poetic knowledge from y7 is embedded by focus on poetic form, also building on the grammatical structures from descriptive unit. KS4 Language Paper 1 AO5 & 6
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