

Intent:

Curriculum Intent (KS3/4/5)

The English Team at Altrincham College are dedicated to promoting, enriching and inspiring reading, writing and oracy as key to our students' academic and personal development. We endeavour to stimulate a high level of curiosity which encourages pupils to feel enriched, driven and confident to learn about the world around them. Through exploring a range of poetry, prose and non-fiction, students will strengthen their skills to read for inference by selecting information to support their own synthesis. Skilled readers create engaging writers. Therefore, the inter-relational balance of reading and writing is supportively developed by using the enjoyment of reading as a medium to empower the shift toward individual creativity and imagination.

Students will become confident communicators, adopting language, style and expression in both written and spoken contexts. We aim for our students to become discerning critical thinkers who are capable of understanding and empathising with different points of view.

Our aims throughout the English journey at Altrincham College:

- KS3: To embed a deep understanding and curiosity about the fundamental knowledge across the three forms of English: poetry, prose and non-fiction. This affords a firm foundation that can be built upon to enable students to make links across their journey in exploring English.
- KS4: To develop the cultural capital knowledge, critical vocabularies and extended writing skills to reach their potential at GCSE and life as literate adults.
- KS5: To develop the deeper literary and critical understanding of language and form needed to thrive in further education and make positive impacts in their future careers.

Literacy, oracy and the development of tier 2 and tier 3 vocabularies underpin all schemes of learning. Students will be regularly introduced and tested on the key vocabularies to articulate their work with confidence, clarity and creativity.

Implementation

KS3 are exposed to exciting, broad, culturally inclusive and challenging schemes of work that are thematically linked: Y7 'A Journey Through Different Worlds'; 'Y8 Man vs...An exploration of conflict in literature'; with Y9 'Society and Cultural Concepts'. Students are taught English reading and writing skills through a mastery approach and are assessed for either reading or writing skills at the end of each half term topic; oracy is taught and assessed throughout each scheme of work. Students are given time to MAD review their learning to nurture self-reflection and academic stamina and resilience. New knowledge threshold concepts are revisited throughout our students learning journey. Students are provided with the skills to develop metacognition learning skills to be able to reflect on their own progress and develop as independent learners. Through the modelling of using challenging vocabulary, students can able read critically by: knowing how language, including figurative language, vocabulary choice, grammar, text structure and organisational features, presents meaning. To develop and strengthen writing skills, students will have the opportunity to plan, edit and write accurately, fluently, effectively and at length for pleasure and to learn about the world around them.

In Y10 and Y11, students read an exciting range of texts across literacy tradition and cultural backgrounds. We deliver the AQA specifications for both English Language and Literature. Students deepen their understanding of novels, plays and poetry along with critical reading and writing skills. Work is assessed formatively, summatively and through whole class feedback. Teachers model how to respond to assessment and examination to afford our students with the requisite critical literacy and exam skills required to succeed in their GCSE studies and beyond.

In KS5 the texts and critical stimuli are exhilarating and build upon our students' enriching KS3 and KS4 curriculum. As a result, we use the AQA specifications for both English Language A Level and English Literature A Level to further enhance student understanding of these two subjects to readiness for their next steps. All students have inhouse mock exams with formative and summative assessment taking place in class as per current school policy. Feedback from mock exams will be timely with students being able to reflect on own learning and make plans for their development in their chosen subject discipline.

For all learners and throughout the year we will:

- ✓ Set up regular check-ins and opportunities for students to ask questions and share work.
- ✓ Provide students with accessible success criteria on how they might self-assess their skill development when setting learning activities (e.g. use of exemplars, models, videos of demonstrations, self-assessment rubrics or peer evaluation).
- ✓ Strategic questioning used with individuals, small groups or the whole class. Students answer well-thought-out, higher-order questions such as 'why' and 'how' underpinned with Socratic questioning ethos to develop independent and critical thinkers.
- ✓ Learning review task where students respond to a question or prompt at the beginning and/or conclusion of learning. Students can measure their own starting point and end points.

Literacy within English as a discipline

English as a discipline is rich in content and complexity: vocabulary is the key to unlocking the potential of all our students. Within every English lesson, the teaching of an advanced employment of tier two and tier three vocabularies support our students to articulate their learning, both verbally and in written form. The vocabulary taught and used in English lessons supports learning across all curriculum areas and creates confident, articulate and successful learners. In lessons we:

- ✓ Develop the vocabulary across a variety of genres through understanding and analysis of themes, performance and characterisation.
- ✓ Engage with students the breadth and aesthetic of the phonological, rhythmic, figurative experience of poetry and prose.
- ✓ To empower critically robust viewpoints as reader by exploring layers of polysemic language within literature and non-fiction.
- ✓ Establishes the focus on oracy and rhetoric to inform critical debate and speech craft skills.

Long Ter	m Departmental P	lanning Overview	Subject: English			
Curriculum	Curriculum HT1 topics HT2 topics		HT3 topics	HT4 topics	HT5 topics	HT6 topics
Title						
Journeys through different worlds	The Odyssey Greek mythology, legend and folk law, tragedy, morality Assessment: Assessment: Writing Retrieval focus: Narrative conventions. Tier 3 vocabularies relating to the form. Archetypical characters	Non-Fiction 'Our World in Words' Exploring writer's viewpoint and developing own rhetoric Assessment: Writing Retrieval focus: Culture and traditions Gender and culture Place and identity	Poetry and culture Study of a variety of different cultural poetry Assessment: Reading: Retrieval focus: Characterisation Childhood experiences Place and setting Relationships	Shakespeare: 'The Tempest' Assessment: Reading Retrieval focus: Gender and power Colonialism and place Character relationships Language and power Culture and traditions	Dickens: 'Oliver Twist' An introduction to 19th century prose through vocabulary, syntax and idioms which are no longer commonly used in daily vernacular - creating a base for student understanding of the 19th century novel. Assessment: HT5 Reading Retrieval focus: Archetypical characters and narrative structure 19th Century setting and cultural identitic Relationships and socio-economical contexts	
Genres, conventions and structure	The Gothic An exploration of the genre and its conventions. Assessment: Writing Retrieval focus: Tropes of genre Narrative conventions of the gothic	Shakespeare: 'Twelfth Night' Assessment: Reading Retrieval focus: Tropes of genre Dramatic conventions of comedy Shakespeare's world	Dystopian Literature: A selection of 20 th /21 st stimuli HT3 Assessment: React HT4 Assessment: writi Retrieval focus: Narrative form	^t century rhetoric <mark>ling</mark>	Non-Fiction anthology Crime and Punishment An exploration of non- fiction texts to explore perspectives on the theme of justice. Assessment: Writing	Modern War Poetry Assessment: Reading Retrieval focus: Impact of war beyond soldiers Conflict of man (vs man, self, society) Key poetic devices (linguistic and structural)

	 Setting and mood Tier 3 vocabularies relating to the form 	Presentation of hierarchy and conflict	 Conventions of allegorical genre Impact of historical context Language and power in politics and class, introduction to social justice Ethos, pathos, logos 		 Retrieval focus: Conventions of non-fiction (letters, articles, speeches, adverts) Social hierarchy and the rule of law Culture, tradition and transgression Gender and prejudice 	
Seeing	The Art of Story	Poetry: Love and	An introduction to	Writing to express	An introduction to	19 th century fiction
through	Telling:	Relationships Poetry	Shakespearean	a viewpoint	19 th century Britain:	The Curious Case of Dr
different	contemporary short	Anthology	Tragedy	Ethos, pathos,	Fiction and Non-	Jekyll and Mr Hyde
eyes:	stories that shape our world.	Anthology of canonical	'Romeo and Juliet'	logos. Socratic	Fiction.	Accomment: Panding
connections	our world.	and contemporary poets.	Assessment: Reading	questioning, logic,	Assessment: Writing	Assessment: Reading
and conflicts	Assessment: writing	μοεις.	Assessment. Reduing	reason and the art	Assessment. writing	Retrieval focus:
	Assessment. Writing	Assessment: Reading	Retrieval focus:	of rhetoric.		Victorian Morality
	Retrieval focus:	7.55c55ment. Redding	 Historical epochs 	or metoric.	Retrieval focus:	Conflicts of man
	Structural		and experiences	Assessment:	Victorian Morality	Social hierarchy
	devices	Retrieval focus:	Aristotelian tragic	Writing	Diversity and	Gender constructs
	(perspective,	 Conflict of man (vs 	paradigm		Disparity	and conflict
	setting,	man, self, society)	Complex	Retrieval focus:	Childhood 'nature	Internal conflict and
	character,	 Socio-economical 	relationships	 Ethos, pathos, 	v's nurture'	psychoanalytical
	contrast,	conflict	Social hierarchy	logos	Political agenda	analysis
	sequencing)	 Gothic tropes 	• Gender	 Language and 	through language	,
	 Diverse voices 	 Nature and the 	stereotypes	conflict:	and form	
	and perspectives	sublime		gender, class,	 vocabulary, syntax 	
		 Gender subversion 		identity,	and idioms	
		 Internal conflict and 		environment		
		psychoanalytical		Socratic		
		analysis		questioning		

AQA GCSE Literature/ Language	Lit Paper 2 section A: contemporary fiction text An Inspector Calls Reading, synthesis, analysis and evaluation 7 weeks Assessment: Lit P2 AIC	Literature Percer 2:	Lang paper 2 section A reading skills non- fiction 19th century text stimuli Synthesis & Comparing viewpoints and Section B transactional writing skills Guided Full paper response Assessment: Speaking and listening endorsement.	Language Paper 1 reading and writing 6 weeks Assessment: Lang P1 mock responses Q4-Q5	Lit paper 2 Power and Conflict Poetry. Soldier's stories — interleaved with Lang P1 creative writing and Lang P2 perspectives. 6 weeks Assessment: Lit P2 Poetry guided response	Lit paper 2 Power and Conflict Poetry. War: Beyond the Battlefield thematic cluster End of year exam. Paper 1 English Language Paper 2 Poetry
AQA GCSE Literature/ Language	Lit paper 2 Power and Conflict Poetry. Soldier's stories — interleaved with Lang P1 creative writing and Lang P2 perspectives.	Literature Paper 2: Power and Conflict Poetry. Internal conflict/ the environment P&C and unseen. 4 weeks	Lang paper Paper 2 recap Assessment: Language P2 and Lit P1 mocks	Bespoke class revision Assessment: Language P1 and Lit P2 mocks	Skills for both paper 1 and paper 2 Language Ongoing revision of set texts	External Public Exams Dates TBC.

W	ar: Beyond the	Assessment: Unseen	Speaking and		
Ва	attlefield thematic		listening of		
clu	uster		endorsement for		
7 v	weeks	Lit revision ACC/	new/ absent		
As	ssessment: Lit P1	Macbeth	students		
		2 weeks			
			Post mock Language		
			interventions		
			1 week		

12	AQA A Level Literature	<mark>Develop</mark>	<mark>Develop</mark>	Independent context research –	Demonstrate	Independent revision and
		understanding of	understanding of	The Great Gatsby	<mark>understanding</mark>	essay planning development
		conventions of	Paper 1		<mark>of question</mark>	linked to 'The Great Gatsby'
		Tragedy as a		Read and begin to analyse 'Gatsby'	types for Sec C	and to 'Othello' – all exam
		dramatic and literary	Complete reading	– linked to Tragedy.	– AO5 focus	question types
		<mark>genre</mark>	<mark>Othello</mark>	Develop understanding of exam		
				question types Sec C.		
			<mark>Develop</mark>		Further	
		Read and begin to	understanding of how		develop	Introduction to Postcolonial
		<mark>analyse 'Othello'</mark>	to approach extract		understanding	theory (link to Othello)
		<mark>Develop</mark>	question and section B		of exam	
		understanding of	question types.	Develop understanding of	question types	Introduction to poetry.
		Shakespearean		conventions of protest writing as a	for Sec A and	
		tragedy	Demonstrate	literary genre	В	Select poet and 3 x poems.
		ci agoay	understanding of Sec			Devise NEA question to
		Introduce social and	B question types	Begin to analyse a range of protest	Revise	research during the summer.
		political protest	linked to 'THT' –	writing extracts - practise skills for	understanding	
		writing	deepen AO5 skills.	approaching Section A – unseen	of Sec B	Intro to Blake's poetry.
		W116111B	Introduction of	extract question.	demands,	

		Read and begin to analyse 'The Handmaid's tale' – linked genre. Develop understanding of conventions of genre.	feminist theory – modelling NEA question drafting (focus on theoretically informed interpretation and critical voice).			linked to 'THT? and deepen understanding of the text.	Student selection of novel for NEA – to read and research over summer.
12	AQA A Level Language	Introduction to genre, power and representation in written language. Through this range of texts students will be taught the 6 language levels that underpin the whole of the course: - Lexis and semantics - Grammar - Discourse - Pragmatics - Phonology	Introduction to spoken language, building on language levels. Language diversity theories: - Gender - Sexuality - MLE and urban youth language Occupation	Introduction to a range of genres as style models for Original Writing NEA (travel, monologues, crime, opinion, open letters) Language Discourses (linked to diversity) Paper 2 Section B. Practice comparison of	NEA: Original Writing & Commentary. Teaching of skills for NEA and independent work. Paper 2, Section C: Language Discourses. Practice opinion writing based on Language Discourses. In	NEA: Original Writing & Commentary. Complete first draft of NEA commentary. Recap of Paper 2 knowledge and skills. Develop skills of: evaluation, comparison and opinion writing.	Language Change: Intro to module linked to Paper 2 Section A, B & C. NEA: Investigation – teaching of skills for NEA and development of brief for the project. Revision for mock exams and feedback.

		- Graphology Language Diversity. Intro to socio - linguistics for Paper 2 Section A, B & C. - Regional variation - Class - Social groups		discourse articles.	class mock for Section C		
13	AQA A Level Literature	Interleaved revision of Othello. Begin reading and exploring final text—Richard II—link to demands of Sec C question Complete edit and redraft process for poetry NEA Begin reading and exploration of Crime Poetry Collection (5 poems: Crabbe, Browning and Wilde) Cycle of continuous development for Sec A as students complete 1 unseen extract analysis per week and act on feedback given	Refine understanding of exam question types Sec C paper 1. Demonstrate understanding of question types, linked to 'Richard II' – deepen understanding of the text. Refine understanding of exam question types B and C paper 2. Develop detailed analytical understanding of crime poetry collection. Complete 1st draft of prose NEA 2 – 1500 words	Teacher for each some continuous format complete essay play practices and their NEA redrafts to be be spoke revision	nd develops studen texts/ genre in a cy tive assessment as lans/ essays/ timed n acts on feedback. e completed by HT3	ts' cle of students examination	

13	AQA A Level Language	Language Change	<mark>Language Change</mark> contd	NEA: Investigation	NEA: Whole portfolio	Revision of Paper 1 & 2
		Language change	conta	investigation	submitted and	and practice
		discourses discourses		Revision of	assessed	exam
			Practice evaluation	Paper 1 & 2 and		questions
			skills for Paper 2	practice exam	Revision of	
			Section A.	questions	Paper 1 & 2 and	
		Intro to Child			practice exam questions	
		Language - spoken	Child Language		questions	
		Completion of NEA	Development.			
		Original Writing and	Written			
		commentary.				
		•	Practice exam			
			question for Paper 1			
			Section B.			
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Queen Mary University

<u>Department of Linguistics - School of Languages, Linguistics and Film</u>
(qmul.ac.uk)

Lancaster University

		Linguistics at Lancaster Lancaster Summer Schools in Corpus Linguistics (lancs.ac.uk)