

English Curriculum Map

2026-2027	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 7	Ignite 1 Travellers' Tales Assessment focus: Writing Exploring how writers use language and different language techniques to present meaning. Identifying purpose, audience and context, and using this to support comprehension. Reading & activities - Revolting Rhymes	Ignite 1 Making the News Assessment focus: Speaking & Listening + Key Skills Structure, language & bias in news reports, oral presentation skills. Current knowledge & understanding of key skills & terminology. Reading & activities - extracts from The Witches & Harry Potter, OR Goldfish Boy	Ignite 1 The Identity Kit Assessment focus: Reading Narrative viewpoint, patterns of language and how these affect the meaning of text. Making inference and identifying evidence for opinion and thought. Reading & activities - The World's Worst Children	Ignite 1 Your Language Assessment focus: Speaking & Listening Language usage and its relationship to social, cultural and geographical context. Language structures and how they can be used for effect. Reading & activities - The World's Worst Children	Ignite 1 Out of This World Assessment focus: Writing The use of language to create atmosphere, tension, and character. Analysing writers' choice of language to create impact. Reading & activities - Shakespeare from choice – AMND, The Tempest, Twelfth Night	Ignite 1 In Search of Adventure Assessment focus: Reading Conventions of an adventure-based text. Comparative analysis of texts. Identifying purpose, audience & context of a text. Reading & activities - Shakespeare from choice – AMND, The Tempest, Twelfth Night
Year 8	Ignite 2 It's a Mystery Assessment focus: Writing How different texts can be structured to achieve different purposes. Reading & activities: Private Peaceful	Ignite 2 Words of war Assessment focus: Reading How text reflect the social and historical contexts Language techniques to create atmosphere. Reading & activities: Private Peaceful	Ignite 2 Technology Matters Assessment focus: Speaking and listening Presenting. Constructing a balanced argument. Reading & activities: Wonder	Ignite 2 Campaign for a Cause Assessment focus: Writing Techniques to encourage and promote a viewpoint. Reading & activities: Wonder	Ignite 2 Appearance and Reality Assessment focus: Reading Writing techniques to engage the reader. Reading & activities: Shakespeare - Romeo & Juliet	Ignite 2 Power of Communication Assessment focus: Speaking and listening Debating. Language to influence. Reading activities: Shakespeare - Romeo & Juliet
Year 9	Ignite 3 Relationships Writing Figurative language Structure for purpose Reading & activities- Hamlet	Ignite 3 Dare to Scare Reading Conventions of horror writing Analysing text for the effect of language Reading & activities- Hamlet	Ignite 3 Young Entrepreneurs Speaking and listening - presenting Conventions of marketing and presenting texts Drafting Reading & activities- You're Awesome	Ignite 3 My Life My Choices Writing Persuasive texts Using emotive language Reading & activities- You're Awesome	Ignite 3 Exploring Difference Reading Characterisation in text Making inferences Analysing texts Reading & activities- Of Mice and Men	Ignite 3 From Talking Drums to Tweets Speaking and Listening - Presenting History of language development Instructional texts Types of communication Reading & activities- Of Mice and Men
Year 10 English GCSE Language and Literature	Reading & Writing Skills: Comprehension Language analysis (Lang P1/Ai,ii,iv) Creative Writing (Lang P1B) PEARL structure	Reading & Writing Skills: Comprehension Language analysis (Lang P2/Ai,iii) Non-fiction writing (Lang P2B) PEARL structure	Modern Prose & Drama: An Inspector Calls (Lit P2/A) PEARL structure	Reading & Writing Skills: Structure (Lang P1/Aiii) Comparative analysis (Lang P2/Aii,iv) PEARL structure	Shakespeare: Macbeth (Lit P1/A) PEARL structure	Speaking & Listening Skills: Spoken Lang – individual presentations/debates (AO7-9)
Year 11 English GCSE Language & Literature	Poetry Anthology: Power & Conflict (Lit P2/B) Unseen Poetry & comparison (Lit P2/C) Language P1/P2: Skills revision & paper structures	19th Century Novel: A Christmas Carol (Lit P1/B) Language P1/P2: Skills revision & paper structures Language mock exams	Shakespeare: Macbeth (Lit P1/A) PEARL structure	Modern Prose & Drama: An Inspector Calls (Lit P2/A) Literature mock exams	Targeted revision as appropriate: 4x Lit texts 2x Lang papers	GCSE exams English Language English Literature