Curriculum Outline 2025-26 Department: English

## Year 9

lliming	Unit Title	Key Question	Knowledge	Assessing Understanding
Autumn	Texts Through Time: Dystopian Literature	How has Dystopian Literature changed over time? How can I write a successful piece of Dystopian Literature?	<ul> <li>Knowledge of the tropes of Dystopian literature and how they have changed over time</li> <li>Knowledge of the historical and literary context and how they have shaped Dystopian literature</li> </ul>	How understanding is assessed  Through analytical discussions of the dystopian extracts Through formative pieces of creative writing in the style of dystopian literature Through summative piece of creative writing in the style of dystopian literature  Skills Understanding of the dystopian genre Ability to write creatively in the style of a specific genre (dystopian) Ability to plan and structure a creative piece of writing  Assessment Point Information Students to write the opening to their own piece of dystopian literature using the choice of two prompts
	Shakespeare: Tragedy (to run over into Spring term by 3 weeks) - 9 weeks of study in total	Starting with this extract, explore how Shakespeare presents lago.	<ul> <li>Knowledge of Shakespeare's methods of characterisation, particularly relating to the antagonist, lago.</li> <li>Understanding of the plot of Othello.</li> <li>Close analysis of Shakespeare's use of language to construct lago as a villain.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>How understanding is assessed</li> <li>Through students' increasing confidence in understanding Shakespeare's characterisation; ability to analyse Shakespearean language and writer's methods.</li> <li>Ability to apply knowledge of conventions to a range of texts and to show an understanding of where texts challenge or subvert the norm</li> <li>Skills</li> <li>Constructing a convincing and coherent TEAL paragraph</li> <li>Defining own line of argument</li> <li>Through ability to write accurate, analytical TEAL paragraphs in response to Othello.</li> <li>Assessment information</li> <li>Timed in class response to a scene from Othello; students are given an extract and asked to comment on lago's characterisation in this, and the play as a whole.</li> </ul>
Spring	Anita and Me (to start week 4 of Spring term 1) - 9 weeks of study in total	In what ways can Anita and Me be considered an example of the bildungsroman genre?	<ul> <li>Understanding of the plot, characters and themes of Anita and Me</li> <li>Understanding of the conventions of the bildungsroman genre</li> <li>Knowledge and awareness of the context of migration in post-war Britain</li> <li>Knowledge and awareness of the author, Meera Syal's life and background and how this might have influenced her writing of the novel</li> <li>Awareness of key elements of structure and form for the bildungsroman genre</li> </ul>	How understanding is assessed  Through students' TEAL paragraphs on the novel (peer-assessed/invisible feedback) Through students' oral contributions in class Through students increasing confidence in identifying the conventions of the bildungsroman genre Through students' essay on the novel (EOY)  Skills Coherent TEAL writing Coherent and well-planned essay writing. Ability to comment on the effect of structural devices. Coherent and developed essay writing with a convincing argument Use of accurate terminology Ability to evaluate a text within context of existing literary conventions (Bildungsroman)

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				Essay on Anita and Me – this will be a whole text essay and students will be expected to demonstrate an awareness of the conventions of the bildungsroman genre. This will form the EOY exam
Summer	Journalism: perspectives and viewpoints	How can I write in a journalistic style? How can I write a convincing and compelling opinion piece article?	<ul> <li>Knowledge and understanding of features of journalistic comment writing</li> <li>Ability to compare and contrast journalistic writing from different perspectives</li> <li>Knowledge of the art of rhetoric including a range of devices</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>How understanding is assessed</li> <li>Through students' own journalistic writing (comment pieces)</li> <li>Through ability to compare and contrast articles written about the same topic but with different perspectives/opinions</li> <li>Construction of a piece of journalism which demonstrates the synthesis of knowledge and skill from across the Key Stage</li> </ul>
				<ul> <li>Skills</li> <li>Constructing an argument</li> <li>Interrogation of key concepts with careful consideration e.g. justice</li> <li>journalistic writing</li> <li>Evaluating a writer's viewpoint</li> </ul>
				Assessment information  • Non-fiction article in response to a statement
	WW1 Poetry	What are the conventions of WW1 Poetry?  How can I apply these conventions in my own writing?	<ul> <li>Knowledge of key WW1 poets such as Wilfred Owen and Siegfried Sassoon.</li> <li>Close analysis of devices used in WW1 poems.</li> <li>Creative writing using devices found in WW1 poems.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>How understanding is assessed</li> <li>Through ability to write a poem about war/conflict using some of the ideas and devices featured in WWI poetry.</li> <li>Through oral contributions made in discussion of poems by Owen and Sassoon.</li> </ul>
				<ul> <li>Skills</li> <li>Knowledge of key poetic devices</li> <li>Knowledge of different poetic forms e.g. sonnet</li> <li>Ability to implement devices from WWI poetry into own poems on the theme of conflict.</li> </ul>
				<ul> <li>Assessment information</li> <li>Oral presentation. In groups of three: students are given a poem from WW1 which they analyse. They then use this poem for inspiration to write their own poem and provide a critical commentary on the poem they have written.</li> </ul>
		Modern novel/play Shakespeare pre-20th century text Non-fiction creative writing Fiction creative writing Poetry		