

What are the aims and intentions of this curriculum?

The aim of our Key Stage 4 Curriculum is to equip all students with the reading, writing and oracy skills necessary to excel at GCSE. Moreover, we seek to provide students with the critical reading skills to appreciate a wide and diverse range of literature, as well as empowering them to read non-fiction texts in a discriminating manner. Students should complete KS4 being able to use language, in a variety of forms, to articulate their own ideas with clarity and confidence.

Term	Topics	Knowledge covered	Skills developed	Assessment
Autumn	Cluedo	English Literature: <i>An Inspector Calls</i> English Language: Paper 2	Narrative structure and characters Contextual background Reading skills (recall, analysis, summarising and comparison) Writing skills (argue, persuade and inform)	Reading assessment using a GCSE question and mark scheme based on <i>An Inspector Calls</i> .
Spring	What's Love Got To Do With It?	English Literature: <i>Love and Relationships Poetry</i> English Language: Paper 1	Comparison Skills Unseen Poetry Reading skills (retrieval, language, structure, evaluation) Writing skills (describe and narrate)	Reading assessment using a GCSE question and mark scheme based on the GCSE <i>Relationships Poetry</i> .
Summer	Opposites Attract	English Literature: <i>Romeo and Juliet</i> English Language: Paper 2	Themes and characterisation Context and writers' intentions Reading skills (recall, analysis, summarising and comparison) Writing skills (argue, persuade and inform)	Writing assessment using a GCSE question and mark scheme based on writing to argue, persuade and inform.