

Why do we teach English?

English, at Forest Hill School, provides an invaluable opportunity for students to nurture a deep love and profound understanding of the English language and its rich and diverse literary heritage. Our curriculum is thoughtfully designed to broaden the intellectual horizons of our pupils, empowering them to become independent, self-confident, and knowledgeable individuals.

At the heart of our curriculum lie the Core Values of Hard Work, Ambition, Rigour, and Kindness, which serve as guiding principles in shaping our students' learning experiences.

What do we teach in English?

- 1. Key Stage 3: Students explore war poetry, novels, crime fiction, post-colonial literature, and poetry by marginalized groups, alongside works by Shakespeare, Orwell, and contemporary writers.
- 2. Key Stage 4: In Year 10, students study 'A Christmas Carol', 'An Inspector Calls', 'Macbeth' and Power and Conflict Poetry
- 3. Key Stage 5: Year 12 focuses on tragedy through the ages. while Year 13 delves into the elements of crime fiction and how it resonates in today's society.

How do we teach English? (Key concepts and skills)

- 1. Comprehensive Curriculum: Our English curriculum, including lessons, schemes of work, and a 'Curriculum Map,' reflecting our core values.
- 2. Thoughtful Engagement: Teachers foster fluency and thoughtful engagement with diverse resources like novels, plays, poetry, and non-fiction texts.
- 3. Diverse Resources: Selected resources cover a wide range of topics and themes, enabling students to connect with English in meaningful ways.
- 4. Relevance to Students: Schemes of work interweave themes from Shakespeare to the 'Black Flamingo', Dickens to Duffy, resonating with students' experiences and preparing them for exams.

How is English personalised for our learners?

- 1. We study a diverse range of novels, such as 'Black Flamingo' and 'Djinn Patrol' – using literature to act as 'mirrors, windows or sliding doors' to our students' lives and experiences.
- 2. Each unit is thematic, considering ideas such as 'identity and transformation' and 'resistance and injustice': we link these universal themes to the experiences of Forest Hill students
- 3. Poetry, speeches, non-fiction writing and other works are a combination of canonical and contemporary – for example, we study literature about Victorian rebellion and revolt alongside the impact of the Black Lives Matters movement.











Year 7 – Identity	Autumn 1 (Core)	Autumn 2 (Satellite)	Spring 1 (Core)	Spring 2 (Satellite)	Summer 1 (Core)	Summer 2 (Satellite)
Key content	Life is a Journey – Bone Talk (YA novel)	Life is a Journey – Introduction to Poetry	Representing Reality - Blood Brothers (modern play)	Representing Reality – Autobiography (creative writing)	Origins and Lessons – The Tempest	Origins and Lessons – Subverting fairy tales
	Key themes:	Key themes:	Key themes:	Key themes:	Key Themes:	Key Themes:
	Identity	Identity	Identity	Identity	Heroism	Heroism
	 Growing up 	Growing up	 Cause and effect 	 Cause and effect 	Journey/quest	Journey/quest
	 The role of the parent 	 The role of the parent 	 Stages of development 	 Stages of development 	 Transformation 	 Transformation
	 Gender roles across time 	 Gender roles across time 	 Life lessons 	 Life lessons 	Honour	• Honour
	and place	and place	 Morality and choices 	 Morality and choices 	 Revenge 	 Revenge
	,	 Tradition and community 	 Fate and agency 	 Fate and agency 	 The Supernatural 	 The Supernatural
Key concepts & skills	The impact of colonialism	<u>Analysis Skills</u>	 Class relations and privilege 	 Class relations and privilege 	 Morality 	 Morality
		• Explain inferences clearly	Analysis skills:	Creative writing skills:	 Gender 	• Gender
	,	using 'because'	 Identify methods and begin 	•	Analytical Skills	Creative Writing Skills
	J .	Offer multiple			 Relate themes and 	 Deliberately use tropes of
	oner manapie	interpretations	effects of an author's	narrative structure and a range	messages to explanations	fairy tale and of satire
	· ·	 Explanation at word level 		of techniques	 Analyse at word level 	
	 Explanation at word level 		choices, with a focus on figurative language			
Summative	Paner testing comprehensi	ion, evidence selection and		l obiography that describes a	Short answer questions testing	inference and identification of
Assessment	inference		significant moment of your life.		techn	
					KS2: Reading myths	
				KC2. describing animades from	,	KS2: Fairy tales and their
Builds on	KS2: Stories, children's f	KS2: Stories, children's fiction, poetry, grammar		KS2: describing episodes from own life	KS3: Bone Talk – studying	tropes KS3: Autobiography – writing
				Own me	narrative/character, figurative	narrative
					language	Harrative
			KS3: Animal Farm (class)/Black			
			Flamingo (interaction of self	MS2. Assistant France (also a) (Black)		
			and environment)/ Djinn Patrol (class, social criticism)	KS3: Animal Farm (class)/Black Flamingo (interaction of self	VC2. Animal Form the Cothic	KS3: speech writing, the Gothic
	KS3: Origins and Lessons (the		Patrol (class, social criticism)	and environment)/ Diinn	K53: Animai Farm, the Gothic	- creative writing
Builds towards	epic hero), Power and	KS3: love and war poetry	KS4: A Christmas Carol/An	Patrol (class, social criticism)	KS4: Macbeth – tragic hero V	- creative writing
Danies towards	Resistance (Djinn Patrol,	135. Tove and war poetry	Inspector Calls/Authorial		epic hero, Poetry Anthology –	KS4: Lang Section B – creative
	narrative structure and voice)		intrusion/social criticism/	KS4: Language Paper 1 Section	analysing verse	writing
			social and intellectual context	В	, ,	
			to 20th century UK/Power &			
			Conflict poems			









Year 8 – Different Voices	Autumn 1 (Core)	Autumn 2 (Satellite)	Spring 1 (Core)	Spring 2 (Satellite)	Summer 1 (Core)	Summer 2 (Satellite)
Key content	Experiences of War – Journey's End (modern play)	Experiences of War – war poetry across time and place	Designing Society – Speeches and Rhetoric	Designing Society – Animal Farm	Love and Relationships – Romeo and Juliet	Love and Relationships – Love Poetry across time and place
Key concepts & skills	Key themes: Patriotism Camaraderie Innocence and experience Coping mechanisms Fear The Purpose of War Hierarchy Social class Analysis skills: Explanation at word level Refer to literary techniques in analysis Make links across the text	Key themes: Patriotism Camaraderie Innocence and experience Coping mechanisms Fear The Purpose of War Hierarchy Social class Analysis skills: Explanation at word level Refer to literary techniques Make links across the text	Key themes: Utopia and dystopia Manipulation and leaders' abuse of power Failed revolutions Political agenda Criticality Problems in the current system Resistance Idealism and hope for the future Creative writing skills: Construct a text that follows a clear line of argument Deploy a range of persuasive techniques for effect Vary paragraph and sentence length for effect	Key themes: Utopia and dystopia Manipulation and leaders' abuse of power Failed revolutions Political agenda Criticality Problems in the current system Resistance Idealism and hope for the future Analysis skills: Detailed analysis of language/ structure and possible effects, focus on character, tone and irony	Key Themes: Tragedy Youth and Age Violence Loyalty Individual Will Emotional Freedom Love Conflict Choice Analysis Skills: Detailed analysis of language/structure and possible effects, linking techniques together	Key Themes: Youth and Age Violence Loyalty Individual Will Emotional Freedom Love Conflict Choice Creative Writing Skills: Write poetry using a range of poetic techniques for deliberate effect
Summative Assessment	Short answer questions to test understanding of language, longer essay question to test written expression and understanding of character/themes		What one change would make this school a utopia? Write a speech to explain your point of view.		Short answer questions to test understanding of language, longer essay question to test written expression and understanding of character/themes	
Builds on	KS2:WW1/2 history and stories KS3: <i>Origins and Lessons</i> (the epic hero), <i>Representations of</i> Reality (modern play)	KS2: WW1/2 history and stories KS3: love poetry	KS2: SPaG for technical accuracy and effect/speaking in front of class/allegory/parables KS3: autobiography, non-fiction writing	KS2: SPaG for technical accuracy and effect/ speaking in front of class/allegory/parables KS3: Origins and lessons	KS2: Shakespeare stories KS3: Origins and Lessons (myth)	KS3: Intro to poetry, War Poetry
Builds towards	KS4: Power and Conflict (poetry and themes), An Inspector Calls (modern play)	KS4: <i>Power and Conflict</i> (poetry and themes)	KS3: Power and Resistance (social criticism), Gothic Imagination (allegory) KS4: AIC, Power and Conflict Anthology, Language 2 Section B	KS3: Power and Resistance (social criticism), Gothic Imagination (allegory) KS4: AIC, Power and Conflict Anthology, Language 2: Writers' Ideas and Viewpoints, ACC (Gothic)	KS3: Othello KS4: Macbeth	KS3: The Black Flamingo KS4: Power and Conflict Poetry











Year 9 – The Writer in Society	Autumn 1 (Core)	Autumn 2 (Satellite)	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Key content	The 19 th Century Imagination – Gothic Fiction	The 19 th Century Imagination – Romantic Poetry	The Individual in Society – Othello (Shakespeare play)	The Individual in Society – The Black Flamingo (verse novel)	Djinn Patrol on the Purple Line (modern novel)	EMC Short Stories Anthology
Key concepts & skills	Key themes: The supernatural (throughout time) The binary of good and evil Sacrilege and taboo Man and Nature Structural inequality and power abuse Artist as genius The uncanny Misogyny Protest and resistance Transcendence from ennui to sublime Creative Writing Skills: Use features from the Gothic genre in original writing Deploy structure for effect Write detailed sensory description, using figurative language	Key themes: Sacrilege and taboo Man and Nature Structural inequality and power abuse Artist as genius Misogyny Protest and resistance Transcendence from ennui to sublime Analysis Skills: Detailed written analysis of authors' methods at word, phrase and whole text level, with context used to support argument	Key themes: Jealousy Love and conflict Perceptions of race across time Gender and the patriarchy Manipulation Appearance vs Reality Power, hierarchy, honour Analysis Skills: Evaluate impact of author's methods Reference historical context in analysis	Key themes: Jealousy Love and conflict Perceptions of race across time Gender and the patriarchy Manipulation Appearance vs Reality Power, hierarchy Creative Writing Skills Write poetry mimicking Atta's themes, form and language	Key Themes: Structural inequality Mystery Injustice Quest Gender Class Education Childhood Analytical Skills Evaluate impact of author's methods Reference historical context in analysis	Key Themes: Structural inequality Mystery Injustice Quest Gender Class Education Childhood Creative Writing Skills: Respond to stories with opinion pieces Write own stories using structure and themes from anthology
Summative Assessment	Write a Gothic story inspired by an ir	nage.	GCSE-style extract question – How extract and across the play as a wh		GCSE style question: How of theme of ?	does Annapara present the
Builds on	KS3: Animal Farm, Origins and Lessons (supernatural element)	KS3: Poetry units	KS3: Romeo and Juliet	KS3: Bone Talk, Love Poetry	KS3: Journey's End, Animal Farm, Othello	KS3: Blood Brothers
Builds towards	KS3: Djinn Patrol KS4: ACC, Language Paper 1 Section B	KS4: Power and Conflict Anthology	KS4: Macbeth	KS4: ACC, Power and Conflict Anthology	KS4: ACC, AIC	KS4: Language 1 Section A and B









Year 10	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Key content	 A Christmas Carol: How does Dickens present his ideas? 	Language Paper 1: How to approach the exam	 How is conflict and power represented in poetry? 	Language Paper 2: How to approach the exam	Macbeth: How does Shakespeare presents his ideas?	How to approach Literature Paper 1 and Language Paper 2
Key concepts & skills	Key themes: Social Responsibility Poverty Class system Subversion Analysis Skills: Detailed written analysis of authors' methods at word, phrase and whole text level, with context used to support argument	Analysis Skills: Analysis Summary Synthesis Creative Writing Detailed written analysis of authors' methods at word, phrase and whole text level, with context used to support argument	Key themes: Man, and Nature War and Identity Internal Conflict Immigration Power of Time Colonialism Analysis Skills: Detailed written analysis of authors' methods at word, phrase and whole text level, with context used to support argument	Analysis Skills: Analysis Summary Synthesis Argument writing Detailed written analysis of authors' methods at word, phrase and whole text level, with context used to support argument	Key themes: Chaos and disorder Ambition Gender and Power Supernatural Leadership Analysis Skills: Detailed written analysis of authors' methods at word, phrase and whole text level, with context used to support argument	All text revision: Language Paper 2 and Literature Paper 1
Summative Assessment	Literature paper 1 (June 2017)	Language Paper 1 (Nov 2017)	Literature Paper 2 (June 2017)	Language Paper 2 (June 2017)	Literature Paper 1 [SAMS 3]	Language Paper 2 and Literature Paper 1 [November 2020]
Builds on	KS3: Bone Talk, Blood Brothers, Subverting Fairy Tales, The Tempest, Animal Farm, Gothic Fiction, Black Flamingo	KS3: Introduction to poetry, Bone Talk, Animal Farm, Autobiography, Subverting Fairy Tales, Journey's End, War poems, Animal Farm	KS3 poetry: Introduction to Poetry, War poetry, Epic myths, Romeo and Juliet, Othello, Love Poetry, Romantic Poetry	KS3 non-fiction: Autobiography, Speeches and Rhetoric, Bone Talk, poetry, Blood Brothers, Subverting Fairy Tales, Animal Farm, Journey's End	KS3 Shakespeare: The Tempest, Othello, Romeo and Juliet, Introduction to poetry, War poetry, Love and Relationships poetry	KS3: Fiction and non- fiction assessment: Bone Talk, Introduction to Poetry, Blood Brothers, Autobiography, The Tempest, Fairy Tales, Journey's End, War Poetry, Speeches, Animal Farm, Romeo and Juliet, Othello
Builds towards	 KS4: Language Paper 1 KS3: Macbeth, An Inspector Calls, Conflict poetry KS5: Aspects of Tragedy, Elements of Crime Writing 	 KS4: Language Paper 2, Macbeth, An Inspector Calls, Conflict poetry KS5: Aspects of Tragedy, Elements of Crime Writing 	KS4: Language Paper 1, Macbeth, An Inspector Calls, A Christmas Carol KS5: Aspects of Tragedy, Elements of Crime Writing	KS4: Language Paper 2, NEA Oral exam KS5: Aspects of Tragedy, Elements of Crime Writing	 KS4: Language Paper 1, An Inspector Calls, A Christmas Carol, Power and Conflict Poetry KS5: Aspects of Tragedy, Elements of Crime Writing 	KS4: Macbeth and A Christmas Carol KS5: Aspects of Tragedy, Elements of Crime Writing











Year 11	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1
Key content	'An Inspector Calls' does Priestley present his ideas?	How to revise for Poetry and Language Paper 2	How to revise for Macbeth and Language Paper 1	How to revise for Christmas Carol and Language Paper 2	Revise all topics
Key concepts & skills	Key themes: Social Responsibility Poverty Class system Government Critique Subversion Analysis Skills: Detailed written analysis of authors' methods at word, phrase and whole text level, with context used to support argument	Key themes: Man, and Nature War and Identity Internal Conflict Immigration Power of Time Colonialism Analysis Skills: Detailed written analysis of authors' methods at word, phrase and whole text level, with context used to support argument	Key themes: Chaos and disorder Ambition Gender and Power Supernatural Leadership Analysis Skills: Detailed written analysis of authors' methods at word, phrase and whole text level, with context used to support argument	Key themes: Social Responsibility Poverty Class system Government Critique Subversion Analysis Skills: Detailed written analysis of authors' methods at word, phrase and whole text level, with context used to support argument	Genre studies Theatre terminology Reading skills Analysis skills Contextual studies Essay writing skills
Summative Assessment	Literature Paper 2 (June 2017)	Full set of mocks (2018)	Language Paper 1 (2019), Macbeth [SAM 1]	Full set of mocks (June 2019)	GCSE Exams
Builds on	KS4: Macbeth, A Christmas Carol, KS3: Blood Brothers, Animal Farm, Black Flamingo, Subverting Fairy Tales, Gothic Fiction, Djinn Patrol	KS4: Power and Conflict poetry, KS3: Introduction to poetry, War Poetry, Love and Relationship poetry, Romantic poetry	KS4: Macbeth and Language Paper 1: KS3: Introduction to poetry, Bone Talk, Animal Farm, Autobiography, Subverting Fairy Tales, Journey's End, War poems, Animal Farm	KS4: Christmas Carol, Language 2: KS3: Bone Talk, Blood Brothers, Subverting Fairy Tales, The Tempest, Animal Farm, Gothic Fiction, Black Flamingo	All topics
Builds towards	 KS4: Language Paper 1, Macbeth, A Christmas Carol, Conflict poetry KS5: Aspects of Tragedy, Elements of Crime Writing 	KS4: Language Paper 2 and Conflict Poetry, Macbeth, A Christmas Carol, An Inspector Calls, Conflict poetry KS5: Aspects of Tragedy, Elements of Crime Writing	KS4: Language Paper 1 and Conflict Poetry, A Christmas Carol, An Inspector Calls, Conflict poetry KS5: Aspects of Tragedy, Elements of Crime Writing	 KS4: Language Paper 2 and Conflict Poetry, An Inspector Calls, Conflict poetry KS5: Aspects of Tragedy, Elements of Crime Writing 	All topics





Year 12	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Key content	 How does Duffy explore feminism in 'The World's Wife'? And, what is the nature of tragedy? 	How are Marxist concepts explored in the chosen texts?	How does Miller present tragedy in DOAS?	How does Keats explore tragedy in his poetry?	 How does Shakespeare explore tragedy in Othello? 	How to revise for Literature Paper 1: tragedy
Key concepts & skills	 Feminist theory Literary terminology Essay writing skills Using academic referencing Proof reading 	Marxist theory Literary terminology Essay writing skills Using academic referencing Proof reading	 Reading Analysis Contextual studies Literary terminology Tragic elements Academic Readings 	 Reading Analysis Contextual studies Literary terminology Tragic elements Academic Readings 	 Tragic genre Theatre terminology Reading skills Analysis skills Contextual studies Essay writing skills Academic Readings 	 Reading Analysis Comparative Literary terminology Exam approaches Academic Readings
Summative Assessment	• Coursework	• Coursework	Death of a Salesman (June 2017 Paper 1)	Keats and Death of a Salesman (bespoke)	Othello: both questions (Nov 2017)	• Full Paper 1 (June 2018)
Builds on	KS4 literacy criticism Essay writing skills	KS4 literacy criticism Essay writing skills	KS4 drama textsEssay writing skills	KS4 poetry textsEssay writing skills	KS4 Shakespeare textsEssay writing skills	Essay writing skills
Builds towards	AQA Literature Paper: NEA assessment (Feminism)	AQA Literature Paper: NEA assessment (Marxism)	AQA Literature Paper 1: Aspects of Tragedy	AQA Literature Paper 1: Aspects of Tragedy	AQA Literature Paper 1: Aspects of Tragedy	AQA Literature Paper 1: Aspects of Tragedy





Year 13	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1
Key content	Hamlet and Crime Poetry	'When Will There Be Good News'	Crime Extract Analysis	All texts revision	All texts revision
Key concepts & skills	 Elements of Crime writing Elements of staging Reading skills Analysis skills Contextual studies Literary terminology Academic Readings 	 Elements of Crime writing Elements of staging Reading skills Analysis skills Contextual studies Literary terminology Academic Readings 	 Elements of Crime writing Elements of staging Reading skills Analysis skills Contextual studies Literary terminology Academic Readings 	 Elements of Crime writing Elements of staging Reading skills Analysis skills Contextual studies Literary terminology Academic Readings 	 Elements of Crime writing Elements of staging Reading skills Analysis skills Contextual studies Literary terminology Academic Readings
Summative Assessment	• Paper 2 (2018)	• Paper 2 (June 2017)	• Paper 2 (June 2018)	• Paper 1 and 2 (2019)	
Builds on	KS4 Shakespeare studies: Macbeth/Othello	KS4 Fiction studies: 'A Christmas Carol' 'An Inspector Calls'	KS4 Fiction studies: 'A Christmas Carol' 'An Inspector Calls' 'Language Paper 1 – GCSE'	KS4 Fiction studies: 'A Christmas Carol' 'An Inspector Calls' 'Language Paper 1 – GCSE'	
Builds towards	AQA Literature Paper 2: Elements of Crime Writing	AQA Literature Paper 2: Elements of Crime Writing	AQA Literature Paper 2: Elements of Crime Writing	AQA Literature Paper 2: Elements of Crime Writing	







