#### **English Curriculum**



#### 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. Each teacher, although covering our core content, is able to tailor lessons to individual student needs
- 2. Connecting English Studies: Linking to contemporary media forms like non-fiction texts, newspapers, cinema, and public speaking expands critical thinking skills.
- 3. Real-World Experiences: School clubs and trips deepen understanding and engagement.

Diverse Themes: Our curriculum includes classic and contemporary works, exploring diverse perspectives that relate to our context.









Year 7 - Identity	Autumn 1 (Core)	Autumn 2 (Satellite)	Spring 1 (Core)	Spring 2 (Satellite)	Summer 1 (Core)	Summer 2 (Satellite)
	Life is a Journey – Bone Talk (YA	Life is a Journey –	Representing Reality - Blood	Representing Reality –	Origins and Lessons –	Origins and Lessons –
Key content	novel)	Introduction to Poetry	Brothers (modern play)	Autobiography (creative	The Tempest	Subverting fairy tales
				writing)		
Key concepts & skills	Key themes:  Identity Growing up The role of the parent Gender roles across time and place Tradition and community The impact of colonialism Analysis skills: Explain inferences clearly using 'because' Offer multiple interpretations Explanation at word level	Key themes:  Identity  Growing up  The role of the parent  Gender roles across time and place  Tradition and community  Analysis Skills  Explain inferences clearly using 'because'  Offer multiple interpretations  Explanation at word level	Key themes:  Identity  Cause and effect  Stages of development  Life lessons  Morality and choices  Fate and agency  Class relations and privilege  Analysis skills:  Identify methods and begin to explain the purposes and effects of an author's structural and language choices, with a focus on figurative language	Key themes:  Identity  Cause and effect  Stages of development  Life lessons  Morality and choices  Fate and agency  Class relations and privilege Creative writing skills: Select key moments from own life and create a clear narrative structure and a range of techniques	Key Themes:     Heroism     Journey/quest     Transformation     Honour     Revenge     The Supernatural     Morality     Gender     Analytical Skills     Relate themes and messages to explanations     Analyse at word level	Key Themes:      Heroism      Journey/quest      Transformation      Honour      Revenge      The Supernatural      Morality      Gender      Creative Writing Skills      Deliberately use     tropes of fairy tale     and of satire
Summative Assessment	Paper testing comprehension, evid	ence selection and inference	Write a section of your autobiography that describes a significant moment of your life.		Short answer questions testing inference and identification of techniques	
Builds on	KS2: Stories, children's fiction, poe	try, grammar	KS2: drama	KS2: describing episodes from own life	KS2: Reading myths  KS3: Bone Talk – studying narrative/character, figurative language	KS2: Fairy tales and their tropes KS3: Autobiography – writing narrative
Builds towards	KS3: Origins and Lessons (the epic hero), Power and Resistance (Hate U Give, narrative structure and voice)	KS3: love and war poetry	KS3: Animal Farm (class)/Black Flamingo (interaction of self and environment)/ Hate U Give (class, social criticism)  KS4: A Christmas Carol/An Inspector Calls/Authorial intrusion/social criticism/ social and intellectual context to 20 <sup>th</sup> century UK/Power & Conflict poems	KS3: Animal Farm (class)/Black Flamingo (interaction of self and environment)/ Hate U Give, class, social criticism)  KS4: Language Paper 1 Section B	KS3: Animal Farm, the Gothic KS4: Macbeth – tragic hero V epic hero, Poetry Anthology – analysing verse	KS3: speech writing, the Gothic – creative writing KS4: Lang Section B – creative writing



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



Year 9 – The Writer in Society	Autumn 1 (Core)	Autumn 2 (Satellite)	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Key content	The 19 <sup>th</sup> Century Imagination – Gothic Fiction <i>Dr Jekyll &amp; Mr Hyde</i>	The 19 <sup>th</sup> Century Imagination – Romantic Poetry	The Individual in Society – Othello (Shakespeare play)	The Individual in Society – The Black Flamingo (verse novel)	Hate U Give (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  Injustice  Code Switching  Gender  Power of Voice  Education  Family and Community  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: Hate U Give 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	<ul> <li>A Christmas Carol: How does Dickens present his ideas?</li> </ul>	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  Government Critique  Subversion  Analysis Skills: Detailed written analysis of authors' methods at word, phrase and whole text level, with context used to support argument	Analysis Skills:	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:	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	<ul> <li>Literature paper 1         ACC only     </li> </ul>	Language Paper 1	Literature Paper 2	Language Paper 2	Literature Paper 1	Language Paper 2 and     Literature Paper 1
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	<ul> <li>KS4: Language Paper 1</li> <li>KS3: Macbeth, An Inspector Calls, Conflict poetry</li> <li>KS5: Aspects of Tragedy, Elements of Crime Writing</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>KS4: Language Paper 2, Macbeth, An Inspector Calls, Conflict poetry</li> <li>KS5: Aspects of Tragedy, Elements of Crime Writing</li> </ul>	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	<ul> <li>'An Inspector Calls' does         Priestley present his ideas?     </li> </ul>	How to revise for Poetry and Language Paper 1	How to revise for Macbeth and Language Paper 2	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     under the social subversibility of the subversibili	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 (AIC only)	Literature Paper 2 (AIC/Poetry) Language Paper 1	Language Paper 2     Literature: Macbeth	Full set of mocks	GCSE Exams
Builds on	KS4: Macbeth, A Christmas Carol, KS3: Blood Brothers, Animal Farm, Black Flamingo, Subverting Fairy Tales, Gothic Fiction, Hate U Give	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	<ul> <li>KS4: Language Paper 1,         Macbeth, A Christmas Carol,         Conflict poetry</li> <li>KS5: Aspects of Tragedy,         Elements of Crime Writing</li> </ul>	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	<ul> <li>How does Duffy explore feminism in 'The World's Wife'? And, what is the nature of tragedy?</li> </ul>	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	<ul> <li>Feminist theory</li> <li>Literary terminology</li> <li>Essay writing skills</li> <li>Using academic referencing</li> <li>Proof reading</li> </ul>	Marxist theory     Literary terminology     Essay writing skills     Using academic referencing     Proof reading	<ul> <li>Reading</li> <li>Analysis</li> <li>Contextual studies</li> <li>Literary terminology</li> <li>Tragic elements</li> <li>Academic Readings</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Reading</li> <li>Analysis</li> <li>Contextual studies</li> <li>Literary terminology</li> <li>Tragic elements</li> <li>Academic Readings</li> </ul>	Tragic genre Theatre terminology Reading skills Analysis skills Contextual studies Essay writing skills Academic Readings	<ul> <li>Reading</li> <li>Analysis</li> <li>Comparative</li> <li>Literary terminology</li> <li>Exam approaches</li> <li>Academic Readings</li> </ul>
Summative Assessment	• Coursework	• Coursework	Death of a Salesman	Keats and Death of a     Salesman	Othello: both questions	Full Paper 1
Builds on	<ul><li>KS4 literacy criticism</li><li>Essay writing skills</li></ul>	<ul><li>KS4 literacy criticism</li><li>Essay writing skills</li></ul>	<ul><li>KS4 drama texts</li><li>Essay writing skills</li></ul>	• KS4 poetry texts • Essay writing skills	KS4 Shakespeare texts Essay 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	•
Key concepts & skills	<ul> <li>Elements of Crime writing</li> <li>Elements of staging</li> <li>Reading skills</li> <li>Analysis skills</li> <li>Contextual studies</li> <li>Literary terminology</li> <li>Academic Readings</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Elements of Crime writing</li> <li>Elements of staging</li> <li>Reading skills</li> <li>Analysis skills</li> <li>Contextual studies</li> <li>Literary terminology</li> <li>Academic Readings</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Elements of Crime writing</li> <li>Elements of staging</li> <li>Reading skills</li> <li>Analysis skills</li> <li>Contextual studies</li> <li>Literary terminology</li> <li>Academic Readings</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Elements of Crime writing</li> <li>Elements of staging</li> <li>Reading skills</li> <li>Analysis skills</li> <li>Contextual studies</li> <li>Literary terminology</li> <li>Academic Readings</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Elements of Crime writing</li> <li>Elements of staging</li> <li>Reading skills</li> <li>Analysis skills</li> <li>Contextual studies</li> <li>Literary terminology</li> <li>Academic Readings</li> </ul>
Summative Assessment	• Paper 2	• Paper 2	• Paper 2	• Paper 1 and 2	
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	