

Holy Cross Curriculum

English



Year 10 (AQA)

Power Poetry Complex analysis of poetry from

Pupils analyse the language and structure of unseen texts.

An Inspector Calls (20th Century

Pupils analyse conventions of a

character and social issues.

play and how the writer presents

Pupils to create descriptive and

Comparison of poetry from the

Exposure to a wide range of

the AOA anthology.

Reading Fiction

Fiction Writing

Conflict Poetry

AOA anthology.

narrative writing.

Play)

Ambitious and Challenging Broad and Balanced Equality and Opportunity

Key Stage 2

Pupil should be able to read aloud a wider range of poetry and books written at an age-appropriate interest level with accuracy and at a reasonable speaking pace. They should be able to read most words effortlessly and to work out how to pronounce unfamiliar written words with increasing automaticity.

They should be able to summarise and present a familiar story in their own words. They should be reading widely and frequently, outside as well as in school, for pleasure and information. They should be able to read silently, with good understanding, inferring the meanings of unfamiliar words.

Pupils should be able to write down their ideas quickly. Their grammar and punctuation should be broadly accurate and ambitious. Pupils' spelling of most words taught so far should be accurate and they should be able to spell words that they have not yet been taught by using what they have learnt about how spelling works in English.

It is essential that pupils whose decoding skills are poor are taught through a rigorous and systematic phonics programme so that they catch up rapidly with their peers.

By the end of year 6, pupils' reading and writing should be sufficiently fluent and effortless for them to manage the general demands of the curriculum in year 7, but there will continue to be a need for pupils to learn subjectspecific vocabulary. They should be able to reflect their understanding of the audience for and purpose of their writing by selecting appropriate vocabulary and grammar. Teachers should prepare pupils for secondary education by ensuring that they can consciously control sentence structure in their writing and understand why sentences are constructed as they are. Pupils should understand nuances in vocabulary choice and age-appropriate, academic vocabulary.

Year 7

Transition Unit

Pupils develop inference skills through prose and non-fiction

Gothic Fiction

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Pupils explore features of the gothic genre and the importance of plot, character and setting.

Gothic Writing

Pupils apply gothic conventions to their own writing to effectively build tension and drama.

Nature Poetry

Pupils explore the effects of figurative language.

Society then and now Pupils read a range of non-

fiction texts to critique developments within society.

The Tempest

Pupils gain an understanding of Shakespearian society and explore the conventions of comedy.

Cultural Exposure:

- Roald Dahl Day
- Book Club
- Theatre Trip
- **National Poetry Day**
- Visit to John Rylands Library
- Visit to Dove Cottage
- World Book Day events
- Shakespeare Day
- **Author Visit** Victorian Town Trip
- Trip to Gawthorpe Hall.

Year 8

Private Peaceful

Pupils develop an understanding of how a range of perspectives influence mood

Conflict Non-Fiction

Pupils develop critical thinking in order to form coherent written arguments.

Dystopian Fiction

Pupils read an anthology of dystopian texts, make comparisons and create their own piece of dystopian writing.

Romeo and Juliet

Pupils develop the skills to understand writer's craft and challenging language.

Women in Literature

Pupils compare the presentation of women throughout literature.

Social Injustice

Pupils apply context to form arguments about current issues and controversies within society.

Cultural Exposure:

- National Poetry Day **Book Club**

- Inter-form public speaking
- Journalism Talk

Year 9

Animal Farm

Pupils critically evaluate the text and explore authorial intent.

Power in Society

Pupils explore and compare a range of non-fiction texts to develop understanding of how power is used and misused in society.

Love Poetry

Pupils develop comparative analysis essay skills.

Blood Brothers

Macbeth

Cultural Exposure:

College seminar

Shakesphere Day

· Public speaking

National Poetry Day

Book club

Pupils learn about dramatic devices and ways the writer presents social issues through plot and character.

Rhetoric and Speech Writing

Pupils adapt their writing for a

specific purpose and audience

and apply the art of rhetoric.

non-fiction texts.

Macbeth

Non-fiction Reading

Pupils explore the conventions of tragedy and the depiction of the tragic hero

Develop speculative responses focused on author's craft and authorial intent.

Conflict Poetry

Comparison of poetry from the AQA anthology.

Year 11 (Edugas)

Macbeth Pupils develop speculative responses.

Reading Fiction and Narrative

Pupils analyse the language and structure of unseen fiction and write a plausible story arc.

Love Poetry

Comparison of poetry from the Edugas anthology.

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Non-Fiction Reading

Exposure of a wide range of texts.

Transactional Writing

Write for a specific purpose and audience.

Unseen Poetry

Analyse and compare unseen poems.

Revision of the GCSE Enalish Language and Literature specifications

Exam preparation.

- Visiting Speaker (Ex-Marine)
- Theatre Group Visit (AIC)
- College seminars

Cultural Exposure:

• Theatre Company Visit (Macbeth)

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- Theatre Group Visit (AIC)
- An Inspector Calls theatre trip
- Public examinations

- Roald Dahl Day
- War Museum Trip
- **Author Visit**
- World Book Day events
- Trip to Gawthorpe Hall competition