

Keystage 3 Curriculum

Subject: English

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Our curriculum is based around important novels, plays, poems and speeches, from *Julius Caesar* to *Animal Farm*. We have a weekly grammar lesson and a weekly lesson devoted to reading for pleasure from a list of essential books.

In Key Stage 3, pupils study the following:

Term	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
1	Ancient myths Extracts from <i>Heroes of Greece and Troy</i> The <i>Odyssey</i> (<i>Homer's Odyssey</i> , Simon Armitage)	The sonnet from Petrarch to Shakespeare to Clare to Duffy and Armitage	The gothic tradition Extracts from a wide range of gothic literature Brontë - <i>Wuthering Heights</i> Romantic poetry
2	Links to legends Beowulf (Heaney) Extracts from <i>Journey to the West</i>	Religion & superstition King James Bible Extracts from Milton – <i>Paradise Lost</i> , Marlowe – <i>Dr Faustus</i>	War poetry Tennyson to Hardy to Owen & Sassoon
3	The art of rhetoric Shakespeare - <i>Julius Caesar</i> Speeches & biographies (Cicero & Suetonius)	Comedy Aristophanes <i>The Taming of the Shrew</i> & <i>Much Ado</i> Sheridan, <i>School for Scandal</i>	Dystopia Orwell - <i>Animal Farm</i> & <i>1984</i>
4	Romance Chaucer – <i>The Knights Tale</i> <i>Sir Gawain and the Green Knight</i> , <i>The Lady of Shallot</i> , <i>La Belle Dames Sans Merci</i> Mallory – <i>La Morte d'Arthur</i>	The story of the novel Cervantes, <i>Don Quixote</i> Daniel Defoe, <i>Robinson Crusoe</i> , Walter Scott The modern novel <i>Gatsby</i> or <i>Brighton Rock</i> ??	Freedom - Civil rights – biographies & speeches - Extracts from Baldwin, Angelou, Morrison & Coates - Achebe – <i>Things Fall Apart</i>
5			Women in Literature - A feminist 'retelling' of the story of English

			- Sappho, Afra Behn, Austen, the Brontës The Yellow Wallpaper
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Grammar, vocab and spelling	Parts of speech: verbs, nouns, articles, adjectives and prepositions. Subject-verb agreement. Tense.	Revision of previous year, plus: adverbs, comparative and superlative adjectives, nouns, plural nouns, the genitive case (the apostrophe), contraction.	Revision of previous years, plus: subject, direct object, indirect object, the passive, auxiliary verbs, participles, word endings.
	The elements of a sentence. Simple sentences, compound sentences, complex sentences. Listing and bracketing commas.	Revision of previous year, plus: compound-complex sentences, noun appositive phrases, conjunctive adverbs, and semi colons.	Revision of previous years, plus: restrictive and non-restrictive clauses, colons, hyphens, punctuating speech.
	Topic sentences, paragraphs, introductions and conclusions.	Revision of previous year, plus: connections between sentences, proofreading, drafting and rewriting.	Revision of previous years, plus: text purpose and audience.
TCs	Story	Metaphor	Story
	Structure	Argument	Metaphor
	Argument	Structure	Structure
	Metaphor	Story	Argument

Keystage 4

English Language

All students entering Key stage 4 at Phoenix Academy, must study English Language GCSE.

Students follow the AQA exam specification. Click here to find out more:

<https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/english/specifications/AQA-8700-SP-2015.PDF>

English Language focuses on the skills of Writing, Reading, Speaking and Listening.

- Paper 1: Focuses on Basic Comprehension, Analysing Language, Analysing Structure, Evaluating a viewpoint, and writing to describe.
- Paper 2: Focuses on basic comprehension, summary comparisons, Analysing language and purpose, comparing the attitudes of authors, and writing to argue.

English Language is taught alongside English Literature, and usually with the same teacher.

English Literature

All students entering Key stage 4 at Phoenix Academy must study English Literature GCSE.

This course will allow students to read a variety of different texts, develop analytical skills and learn to write creatively (both writing to describe and to argue). Students should be able to finish this course as well-read, articulate students who are to successfully justify their opinions. These skills are extremely useful for any work and academic environment.

Students follow the AQA exam specification. Click here to find out more:

<https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/english/specifications/AQA-8702-SP-2015.PDF>

Students are assessed by two exams at the end of year 11.

- Paper 1: Students study Shakespeare's Macbeth and Mary Shelley's Frankenstein.
- Paper 2: Students study An Inspector Calls, Conflict and Power Anthology of Poems, and also have to do Two Unseen Poetry questions.

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