

# KS5 Curriculum Overview 2023/24

## Department: English Literature

### Description of KS5 Curriculum:

The English Literature curriculum is a rich and challenging curriculum which allows students to access a wide variety of texts from different time periods. These include 'Othello', 'The Great Gatsby' and 'Journey's End', as well as poetry. The content and nature of the course helps students develop their comparative, analytical and close reading skills, as well as their academic writing skills. The NEA component requires students to conduct an independent comparison of two texts which challenges the skills gained in the course and gives students the freedom to analyse texts of their choice.

### Sequence of Learning:

KS5	Term 1 Content	Term 2 Content	Term 3 Content
Year 12	<b>Othello:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shakespearean tragedy</li> <li>Jacobean context</li> <li>Different attitudes to love</li> <li>Stagecraft</li> <li>Character and scene analysis</li> <li>Critical interpretations</li> <li>Explicit focus on essay skills</li> </ul>	<b>Love Across the Ages Poetry:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Varying literary movements and contexts</li> <li>Different forms/attitudes to love</li> <li>Analysis of language and structure</li> <li>Comparison of two texts</li> <li>Unseen poetry analysis skills</li> </ul> <b>The Great Gatsby:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Context of 1920s America &amp; Social divides</li> <li>Different forms/attitudes to love</li> <li>Character and theme analysis</li> <li>Comparison of two texts</li> </ul>	<b>NEA preparation:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Tempest by William Shakespeare</li> <li>Students are given autonomy over their second choice of text</li> </ul> Paper 1 revision
Year 13	<b>The First Casualty:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WW1 and social class context</li> <li>Different attitudes to war</li> <li>Character and theme analysis</li> <li>Comparison of two texts</li> </ul> <b>WWI Poetry:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WW1 context</li> <li>Comparison of two texts</li> <li>Different attitudes to war</li> <li>Analysis of language and structure</li> </ul>	<b>Journey's End:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WWI and social class context</li> <li>Different attitudes to war</li> <li>Stagecraft</li> <li>Character and scene analysis</li> </ul>	<b>Interleaving</b> of Paper 1 & Paper 2 revision