NGA English Department Curriculum Plan 2026-27

	HT1	HT2	HT3	HT4	HT5	HT6
Yr 7	**Mythos** **Reading Focus:** - Myths & Legends - Allusions in poetry & literature extracts **Writing Focus:** - Creative Writing (Mythical allusions in narratives)	**Shakespeare Play** **Reading Focus:** - A.M.S.N.D - Literature-style study - Introduction to Shakespeare **Writing Focus:** - Literary essay (An introduction to essay writing)	**War** **Reading Focus:** - Poetry - How to analyse an unseen poem **Writing Focus:** - Constructing a poetry essay (single poem)	**The Gothic** **Reading Focus:** - Short stories - Fiction extracts - Gothic conventions **Writing Focus:** - Creative Writing (Crafting tone – gothic)	***The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*** **Reading Focus:** - Modern Novel - Characterisation - Themes -Symbolism and mythical/historical allusions **Writing Focus:** - Creative Writing	***Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*** **Reading Focus:** Modern Novel - Characterisation - Themes -Symbolism and mythical/historical allusions **Writing Focus:** - Literary essay (Developing essay writing)
	Knowledge & Content Test -Vocabulary -Knowledge	**Knowledge & Content Test** -Vocabulary -Knowledge	**Knowledge & Content Test** -Vocabulary -Knowledge	**Knowledge & Content Test** -Vocabulary -Knowledge	**Knowledge & Content Test** -Vocabulary -Knowledge	**Knowledge & Content Test** -Vocabulary -Knowledge
	Summative Assess: -N/A	**Summative Assess:** -Literature Essay (Character)	**Summative Assess:** -Poetry Essay (The Hero, studied)	**Summative Assess:** --N/A	**Summative Assess:** -N/A	**Summative Assess:** -Literature Essay (Character)
Yr 8	**Dickensian Characters** **Reading Focus:** -Author study - Extracts (characterisation and setting) - Close language analysis **Writing Focus:** -Creative (creating characterisation and setting)	**'Animal Farm'** **Reading Focus:** - Satire & allegory - Novel study -Allegorical texts - Literary context (satire) and historical context **Writing Focus:** - Writing to argue	**Short Stories** **Reading Focus:** - Genre conventions - Story structure - Multi-cultural perspectives **Writing Focus:** - Genre-based narrative writing	***Poetic Form (Love & Relationships)*** **Reading Focus:** - Sonnets - Ballads - Monologues **Writing Focus:** - Literary essay	***Romeo & Juliet*** **Reading Focus:** - Shakespeare play - Introduction to tragedy - Tragic conventions **Writing Focus:** - Evaluative writing (based on R&J character & theme)	***Romeo & Juliet*** **Reading Focus:** - Shakespeare play - Sonnets - Iambic pentameter - Love & Relationships Poetry **Writing Focus:** - Literary essay writing
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	Summative Assess:	**Summative Assess:** -N/A	**Summative Assess:** **-N/A**	**Summative Assess:** -Poetry essay (unseen)	**Summative Assess:** -N/A	**Summative Assess:** -Literature essay (theme – fate)

	-Unseen extract (language analysis) from Dickens					
Yr 9	***The Woman in Black*** **Reading Focus:** - Novel - Gothic tropes - Characterisation and setting - Motifs - Symbolism **Writing Focus:** -Creative (gothic)	**Edgar Allan Poe** **Reading Focus:** - Author study - Edgar Allan Poe - Short stories - Poetry - Non-fiction **Writing Focus:** - Literary essay writing	***The Crucible*** **Reading Focus:** - Play With Literature Focus **Writing Focus:** - Analytical writing about language and structure	***The Crucible*** **Reading Focus:** - Play - Literature focus - Introduction to Language Paper 2 Reading (Extracts on witchcraft) following completion of unit). **Writing Focus:** - Literary Essay Writing	***Hamlet*** **Reading Focus:** - Shakespeare play With Literature Focus **Writing Focus:** Analytical writing about language and structure	***Hamlet*** **Reading Focus:** - Shakespeare play - Revisit Language Paper 1 skills before end of term **Writing Focus:** Literary essay writing
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	Summative Assess: -N/A	**Summative Assess:** - Poetry comparison (poems studied in unit – not unseen)	**Summative Assess:** -N/A	**Summative Assess:** - Literature essay (theme - shame)	**Summative Assess:** -N/A	**Summative Assess:** - Literature essay (Hamlet to explore deception)
Yr 10	***Macbeth*** -Play **Writing Focus:** -Weekly creative writing	***Macbeth*** - Play **+** **Lang Paper 1** -Weekly Reading (mainly Q2 and 3) **Writing focus:** -Literary essay writing	**A Christmas Carol** - Novel **Writing Focus:** - Weekly writing to argue	**A Christmas Carol** - Novel **+** **Lang Paper 2** - Weekly Lang P2 reading **Writing focus:** - Literary essay writing	***An Inspector Calls*** - Play **Weekly poetry:** -War poems	***An Inspector Calls*** - Play **+** **Lang Paper 1** Reading & Writing **Weekly poetry:** -War poems **Writing focus:** - Literary essay writing
	Knowledge & Content Test - Knowledge and vocabulary test for each Act studied	**Knowledge & Content Test** - Knowledge and vocabulary test for each Act studied	**Knowledge & Content Test** - Knowledge and vocabulary test for each Stave studied	**Knowledge & Content Test** - Knowledge and vocabulary test for each Stave studied	**Knowledge & Content Test** -Vocabulary -Knowledge	**Knowledge & Content Test** -Vocabulary -Knowledge
	Summative Assess: -N/A	**Summative Assess:** -Literature essay (theme – guilt)	**Summative Assess:** -N/A	**Summative Assess:** - Literature essay (social reform S5)	**Summative Assess:** -N/A	**Summative Assess:** - Literature Paper 1 mock exam

Yr 11	***Language Paper 1 + Weekly unseen poetry***	**Language Paper 2 + weekly literature revision (Macbeth & ACC)**	**Lit Paper 2 P&C poetry + weekly language**	**Language + Literature Revision combined**	**Revision**	
	Summative Assess: -Language Paper 1 from June 2023	**Summative Assess:** - Literature Paper 1 from June 2023 (Macbeth & ACC)	**Summative Assess:** -Literature Paper 2 from June 2023 (AIC & Poetry) **in January**	**Summative Assess:** -Language Paper 2 from June 2023 **in March.**	**Summative Assess:** -N/A	**Summative Assess:** -N/A