

Curriculum Map 2025 - 2026 English Year 8

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8
Autumn 1	Myths, legends and stories that inspire							
	<i>Trust writing assessment</i> What are my strengths and areas for development in my writing?	How is the painting 'Landscape with the Fall of Icarus' inspired by the Greek myth 'The Fall of Icarus'?	What is an ekphrastic poem?	What is sensory language and how can I use it to make my descriptive writing effective?	How can I plan an effective piece of descriptive writing?	How can I write an effective piece of descriptive writing?	How can I improve my descriptive writing using literary techniques?	
Autumn 2	A Midsummer Night's Dream							
	What is the plot of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'?	How do you know that 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' is a comedy?	How is patriarchy presented in 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'?	How is Puck introduced in Act 2 of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'?	How might audiences respond to Puck based on his actions in Acts 2 and 3?	How happy is the ending of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'? Learner lessons	What can we learn from 'A Christmas Carol'?	
Spring 1	Single poet study: Maya Angelou							
	<i>Trust writing assessment</i> What are my strengths and areas for development in my writing?	How does Maya Angelou have a distinctive voice?	How can I use Maya Angelou's 'Life Doesn't Frighten Me' to inspire my own poem?	How does Maya Angelou use figurative language in 'A Phenomenal Woman'?	How can I effectively perform a Maya Angelou poem of my choice?	How effective are the ideas and techniques that Angelou uses to create her poetic voice?		
Spring 2	Taking a Stand and Victorian Childhood							
	How do writers explain their	Which persuasive	Why and how did William	How can imagery and	How can I plan and deliver a			

	convictions with passion?	features can I use to make my writing impactful?	Blake take a stand against child labour?	structure be used to take a stand?	persuasive presentation?			
Summer 1	Participating in effective debate							
	<i>Trust writing assessment</i> What are my strengths and areas for development in my writing?	How is a formal debate structured and what are the roles within it?	What makes an opening argument in a debate effective?	How do you create an effective rebuttal?	How do you participate effectively in debate? How can I evaluate my own performance in a debate?	How can I apply my English skills to functional skills qualifications?		
Summer 2	A Monster Within							
	Which contextual ideas impacted Gothic literature in the 19 th century?	Which Gothic features are present in Mary Shelley's 'Frankenstein'?	How does Shelley present Frankenstein as a hubristic character?	How does Shelley create an unsettling atmosphere on the night of the creation of the Creature?	How does Frankenstein react to his creation? Is his reaction ethical?	How does Frankenstein's reaction to the Creature fluctuate throughout the text?	How does Shelley use 'Frankenstein' to express her own views about the Scientific Revolution?	What thoughts and messages does Shelly intend to express through 'Frankenstein'?