

English Language and Literature

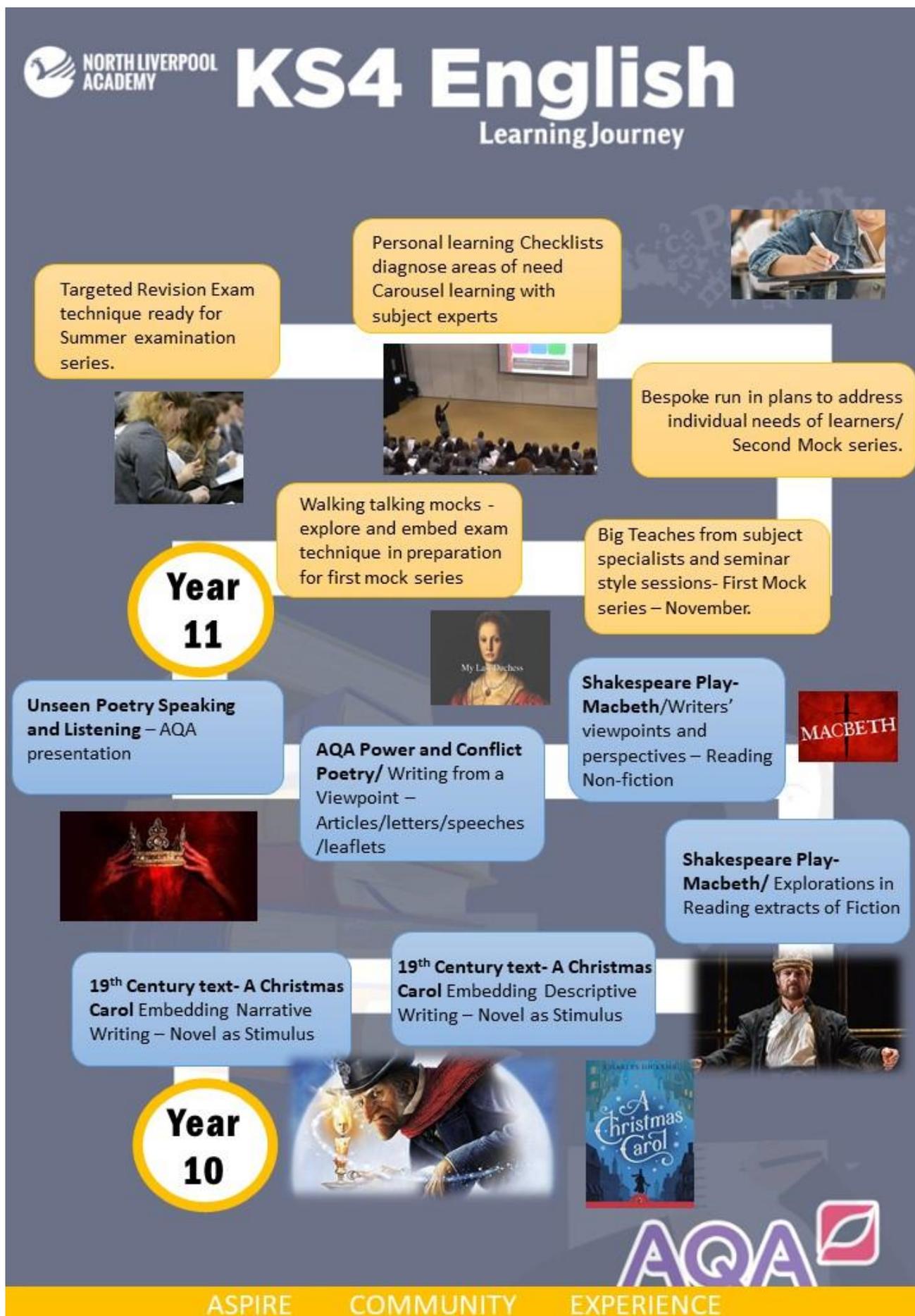
At KS4 in English we follow the AQA English Language and English Literature GCSE syllabus. This academic qualification gives the pupils a broad and varied diet of both modern-day English and Literature and texts from different social and historical contexts, preparing students well for further education and life in the modern world and enables them to develop as a writer, speaker, reader and listener. The course is split into 2 GCSEs that are covered over two years.



In English language pupils study a range of creative extracts and short episodic pieces and they take an exam in Year 11 based upon the work that they complete. They practice skills such as analysing language, structure, evaluation, comparison of texts and recall, as well as having many opportunities to drive their own creative talent forward through exploring and creating a range of narrative and descriptive opportunities as well as exploring non-fiction texts and real-life writing opportunities such as letters, journalistic articles, speeches and leaflets. We ensure pupils are able to gain a real insight into language across time preparing them for a range of career paths they may wish to pursue, including journalism, law, human resources and teaching.

In English Literature pupils study a range of full texts including opportunities to explore seminal works from the likes of Shakespeare, Russell, Priestley, and Dickens. A broad range of forms are also dealt with across the two-year course including both modern and historic plays, novellas and poetry from historical greats such as Wilfred Owen, right up to modern day icons like Carol Anne Duffy John Agard as well as much more in between. Students then take an exam in Year 11 based upon the work that they complete. Practicing skills such as analysing language, structure, evaluation, comparison of texts and recall, as well as having many opportunities to drive progression in essay writing techniques, revision skills text deconstruction. We ensure pupils are able to gain a real insight into Literature across time preparing them for a range of career paths they may wish to pursue, including author, playwright, professor and lecturer.

Our Learning Journey shows how our topics build upon each other and our students experience a wide variety of themes in order to broaden their learning experience:



Our curriculum at KS4 is as follows:

Year 10

Explorations in creative reading and writing

Writers' viewpoints and perspectives

Non-exam assessment – Speaking and Listening

19th Century Novel – A Christmas Carol

Shakespeare Play- Macbeth/ Romeo and Juliet

AQA Poetry anthology – Power and Conflict

Unseen poetry – Diversity and inclusivity

Year 11

Modern Prose- Blood Brothers/ An Inspector Calls

Big Teach sessions/ walk and talk mocks to prepare for mock examinations

Bespoke planned lessons tailored to the needs of learners within each class to target key areas prior to exams.

Targeted revision and exam technique prior to exams.

Learning through Experiences in English

In order to enhance the provision of English beyond the curriculum, our students benefit from the following experiences:

- Author Visits
- Creative Writing Workshops
- Manacto Theatre Company Performances
- Big Teach Sessions
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