

*Welcome to a talk about the
English faculty*

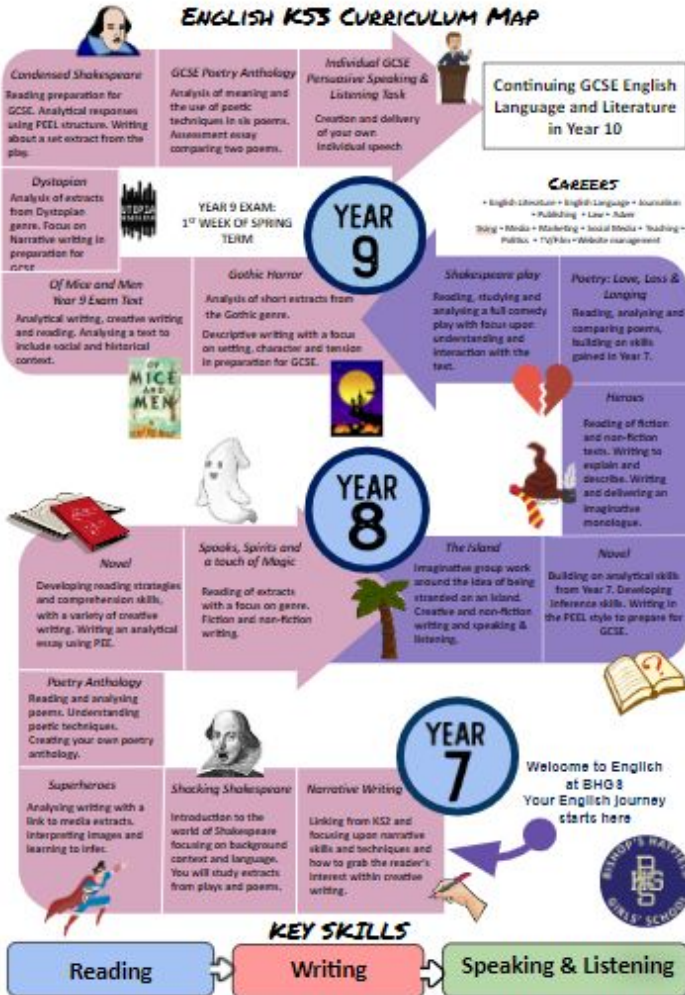
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English as a subject

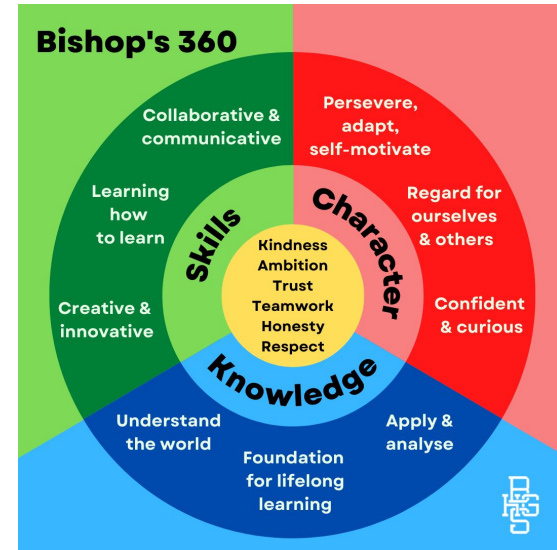
English is unlike many other subjects at secondary school as it is an accumulative subject. Pupils learn English techniques and vocabulary from year 1 onwards and each year this knowledge is revisited and extended, with further complexities added. What this means is that all they have learnt in English/Literacy/Phonics since year 1 is reused.



ENGLISH KS3 CURRICULUM MAP



KS3, 4 & 5 have a learning journey. Each pupils has a copy and this shows them where they have been and where they are going and what leads into which topic. This all links to the Bishop's 360.



Why is regular reading so important?

What can you do to help encourage consistent reading?

Is reading non-fiction helpful?

Should pupils only read fiction?

Is reading online books as helpful?

Library lessons

Year 7 and 8 pupils have a lesson a week in the library. We do follow a scheme of work linked to library skills, but pupils also have time to read and the librarians are here to help them choose appropriate reading books.

The library system is called Accessit and pupils can go onto this to search books and get ideas of new genres to read.

Also on this system are recommended reading ideas:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ug14YV-lBb7tj5Vb29tNJNGmF-YUEQfQDcpd_aACvq4g/edit

Key Stage 3 Curriculum

In Yr 7-8-9 pupils are taught in half termly schemes of work. Each scheme covers an aspect of English Literature or Language and all lead into another part of the learning journey.

Each scheme of work will have an assessed piece of work at the end. In Year 7-9 this is marked with pathways that reflect their performance from KS1 and targeted grades for GCSE.

Every pupil likes different topics and it is common to see better performance in one scheme of work to a second one, as they find it more interesting or easier. We use a range of topics and cover a range of skills/techniques as these are all required later on in their English Journey.

Year 7 Schemes of Work

1. Narrative writing - all teachers start with this as it continues from KS2 work and is a relatable topic for pupils. From this point we cover subjects in different orders to spread resources
2. Superheroes
3. Shocking Shakespeare
4. Spooks, Spirits and a touch of Magic
5. Class reading novel
6. Poetry Anthology

Any questions?