



Key Stage 4 English Curriculum Overview

- The KS4 English Curriculum is taught through the Pearson Edexcel Exam board for Entry Level, Functional skills, and GCSEs. The programme delivered to each pupil is designed according to their agreed pathway to success from Entry levels to Functional Skills to GCSEs.
- The Entry level programme may begin in yr9 for pupils who are ready to begin their qualification journey. It will also be delivered to KS4 pupils who have not had the opportunity to complete a full KS3 programme (due to joining the school after a prolonged period of absence from previous schooling).
- The English Curriculum is structured to provide the skills needed for the Entry Levels and Functionals skills qualifications which are taught alongside the GCSE programme (*at the differentiated level appropriate for each student*) to provide a progressive pathway to the most suitable qualification for each individual student.

KS4 English Skills-based Learning						
Year/Term	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Functional Skills Entry Level 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The alphabet • Word Classes • Introduction to spelling • Understanding a short piece of text • Simple sentences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One and Two syllable words • Spelling (2 syllable words) • Straightforward topics • Following instructions • Descriptions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following instructions • Using questions • Responding to questions • Communicating feelings • Discussion skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to writing skills- proper nouns • Simple sentences (verbs) • Introduction to writing skills • Punctuation • Lower and upper case letters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spelling (days of the week) • Spelling (numbers) • Simple sentences (SVO/ full stops/ capital letters (1)) • Past tense • Using contractions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simple sentences (SVO/ full stops/ capital letters (2)) • simple sentences (review and revise) • Revision • Assessment
Functional Skills Entry Level 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to punctuation • Using dictionaries • Understanding texts • Spelling strategies • Organisational markers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Images • Conjunctions • Conjunctions (identifying and selecting conjunctions) • Instructions • Descriptions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explanations • Making requests and answering questions • Discussion • Feeling and opinion • Group discussions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conjunctions (using conjunctions) • Plurals • Prefixes • Suffixes (common and root words) • Silent letters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homophones • Suffixes (beginning with a vowel/ ending with "-tion") • Audience and purpose- email writing • Form filling • Adjectives in descriptive texts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviews • Instructions • Narrative • Revision • Assessment

Functional Skills Entry Level 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Introduction to punctuation ● Using dictionaries ● Understanding texts ● Spelling strategies ● Organisational features 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Purpose ● Answering questions ● Narrations ● Instructions ● Descriptions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Explanations ● Making requests and answering questions ● Discussions ● Sharing opinions ● Group discussions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Compound sentences and paragraphs ● Grammar (subject/verb agreement) ● Grammar (tense/articles) ● Grammar (irregular plurals) ● Alphabetical order 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prefixes ● Homophones ● Unpronounced sounds ● Purpose ● Format and structure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Instructions ● Explanations ● Narrative ● Revision ● Assessment
Functional Skills Level 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Using punctuation ● Reading for information(1) ● Reading for information(2) ● Comparing texts ● Textual features 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Structural features ● Meaning ● Mock paper practice (1) ● Comparison ● Images 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mock paper practice (2) ● Listening closely ● Questions (Task 1: part1) ● Giving talks (Task 1: part 2) ● Discussions (Task 2) ● 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Formal assessment (Tasks 1+2) ● Format and structure/information sheet ● Spelling strategies and punctuation ● Grammar ● Structure and using paragraphs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Letters ● Emails ● Reviews ● Articles ● Mock Paper practice (1) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reports ● Forum contributions ● Mock paper practice (2) ● Revision ● Assessment
Functional Skills Level 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Using punctuation ● Reading for information ● Reading to understand purpose of texts ● Comparing texts ● Textual features 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Organisational features ● Finding meaning ● Mock paper practice (1) ● Comparison ● Implicit and inferred meaning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mock paper practice (2) ● Listening closely ● Questions (Task 1: part 1) ● Presentations (Task 1: part 2) ● Discussions (Task 2) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Formal assessment (Tasks 1+2) ● Format and structure/information sheet ● Spelling strategies ● Grammar ● Structure and using paragraphs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Letter ● Emails ● Reviews ● Articles ● Mock paper practice (1) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reports ● Forum contributions ● Mock paper practice (2) ● Revision ● Assessment

Key Stage 4 English GCSE Language Curriculum Overview

- The Edexcel GCSE Language Course is structured in a progressive Tiered format which allows students the flexibility to move through the tiers to learn at a pace and level that is right for them, according to their learning needs and capabilities.
- The programme will be supplemented with additional support interventions from the ‘Let’s Think in English’ programme, the ‘Rapid Plus’ reading programme and the Skills for writing programme [Pearson publications].

KS4 English GCSE Language					
Year 1	Tier 1		Tier 2		Tier 3
Topic 1: <i>In and out of trouble</i>	Jane Eyre 19th century fiction	Topic 1: <i>My family and other animals</i>	My Family and Other Animals 20th Century Non-fiction	Topic 1: <i>Till death do us part?</i>	The Mayor of Casterbridge 19th Century fiction
	Kickz 21st century non-fiction:		‘Care about horses? Then you should boycott the Grand National’ 21st Century Non-fiction		Love is not all you need in a marriage 21st Century nonfiction (article)
	Writing a report Non-fiction writing		Writing an account Fiction/non-fiction writing		Writing an open letter Non-fiction writing
Topic 2: <i>At Sea</i>	British Sharks 21 st Century non-fiction (leaflet)	Topic 2: <i>Hounds: help and horror</i>	Guide dogs: transforming lives across the UK 21st century non-fiction	Topic 2: <i>Women in society</i>	Pride and Prejudice 19th Century fiction
	The Titanic: From a Lifeboat, 15 April 1912 20 th Century non-fiction (article)		The Hound of the Baskervilles 20th century fiction		Lovely prom dress, angel. Your carriage to absurdity awaits 21st Century nonfiction (article)
	Writing an article Fiction/non-fiction writing		Writing an account Fiction/non-fiction writing		Writing a blog entry/article Non-fiction writing
Topic 3: <i>Bullies</i>	The Profession of Violence 20 th Century non-fiction (biography)	Topic 3: <i>Fathers and sons</i>	And When Did You Last See Your Father? 20th century non-fiction	Topic 3: <i>First love</i>	A letter from John Steinbeck to his son 20th Century nonfiction (letter)
	Naming and shaming is the only way to stop trolls 21 st Century non-fiction (article)		Frank Skinner: My family values 21st century non-fiction		Why you should leave your first love 20th Century nonfiction (article)
	Writing a speech Non-fiction writing		Writing an article Non-fiction writing		Writing a newspaper article Fiction writing

Topic 4 <i>Fire!</i>	Bleak House 19 th Century fiction	Topic 4 <i>New arrivals</i>	Wuthering Heights 19th Century Fiction	Topic 4: <i>Space travel</i>	Review of Gravity 21st Century nonfiction (review)
	Black Boy 20 th Century non-fiction (semi-autobiographical account)		Your New Puppy 21st Century Non-fiction		Letters of note: In the event of moon disaster 20th Century nonfiction (speech)
	Writing an account Fiction/non-fiction writing		Writing a fact sheet Non-fiction writing		Writing a speech Non-fiction writing
Topic 5: <i>Going Wild</i>	Do you give a monkey's? 21 st Century non-fiction (report)	Topic 5: <i>Imprisoned</i>	Great Expectations 19th Century fiction	Topic 5: <i>Madness</i>	Sane New World 21st Century nonfiction (motivational writing)
	The Brazilian Cat 20 th Century fiction		Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl 20th Century nonfiction (diary)		Jane Eyre 19th Century fiction
	Writing an account Fiction/non-fiction writing		Writing diary entries Fiction/non-fiction writing		Writing an account Fiction/non-fiction writing
Topic 6: <i>Inventors</i>	The Invisible Man 19 th Century fiction	Topic 6: <i>School</i>	The School Food Plan 21st Century nonfiction (report)	Topic 6: <i>Changing places</i>	A Year in Provence 20th Century nonfiction (autobiographical account)
	The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind 21 st Century non-fiction (autobiography)		Hard Times 19th Century fiction		My family moved from Pakistan to the UK 40 years ago – how far we've come 21st Century nonfiction (article)
	Writing a letter Non-fiction writing		Writing an account Fiction/non-fiction writing		Writing an account/ newspaper article Fiction/non-fiction writing
Topic 7: <i>War</i>	Nella's Last War 20 th Century non-fiction (diary)	Topic 7: <i>Being different</i>	Our differences unite us. 21st Century nonfiction (letters)		
	100 years ago young men ran to war – today we run away from voting 21 st Century non-fiction (article)		Malala Yousafzi's speech to the UN General Assembly 21st Century nonfiction (speech)		
	Writing diary entries/a speech Non-fiction writing		Writing a letter/speech Non-fiction writing		

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Year 2	Tier 4		Tier 5		Tier 6
Topic 1: <i>Facing fear</i>	<i>Mountains of the Mind: A History of a Fascination</i> 21st Century nonfiction (travel writing)	Topic 1: <i>Old age</i>	<i>The Lady in the Van</i> 20th Century nonfiction (recount)	Topic 1: <i>Persuasion</i>	<i>The Woman in White</i> 19th Century fiction
	<i>The Last Ascent of Alison Hargreaves. Why did the world's finest woman alpinist never come off K2?</i> 20th Century nonfiction (article)		<i>Could you be a volunteer with Independent Age?</i> 21st Century nonfiction (leaflet)		<i>You can't force a teenager to talk to you</i> 21st Century nonfiction (article)
	Writing an article Non-fiction writing		Writing a leaflet Non-fiction writing		Writing a speech Non-fiction writing
Topic 2: <i>Holiday</i>	<i>Real life always intrudes on holidays. That's how it should be</i> 21st Century nonfiction (article)	Topic 2: <i>Fight!</i>	<i>Treasure Island</i> 19th Century fiction	Topic 2: <i>Losing it</i>	<i>The Men Who Stare at Goats</i> 21st Century nonfiction (literary non-fiction)
	<i>Three Men in a Boat (To Say Nothing of the Dog)</i> 19th Century fiction		<i>Louis Knocks Out Schmeling</i> 20th Century nonfiction (article)		<i>The Yellow Wallpaper</i> 19th Century fiction
	Writing an account Fiction/non-fiction writing		Writing an article Non-fiction writing		Writing an account Fiction/non-fiction writing
Topic 3: <i>Don't have nightmares</i>	<i>The ghost story comes back to haunt us</i> 21st Century nonfiction (article)	Topic 3: <i>Having a laugh</i>	<i>The Diary of a Nobody</i> 19th Century fiction	Topic 3: <i>Ambition</i>	<i>I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings</i> 20th Century nonfiction (autobiography)
	<i>Lost Hearts</i> 19th Century fiction		<i>The Naked Jape: Uncovering the Hidden World of Jokes</i> 21st Century nonfiction (humour)		<i>Evolution of the Teenager</i> 21st Century nonfiction (report)
	Writing a story Fiction writing		Writing an article Non-fiction writing		Writing an article Non-fiction writing
Topic 4 <i>Register</i>	<i>Arithmetic Town</i> 20th Century fiction	Topic 4 <i>Going places</i>	<i>Neither Here nor There</i> 20th Century nonfiction (travel writing)	Topic 4 <i>Treasure</i>	<i>When hidden treasure is just a stone's throw away</i> 21st Century nonfiction (article)
	<i>The Time Machine</i> 19th Century fiction		<i>Oliver Twist</i> 19th Century fiction		<i>Opening the Tomb of Tutankhamun</i> 20th Century nonfiction (account)

	Writing an account Fiction/non-fiction writing		Writing an account Fiction/non-fiction writing		Writing an account Fiction/non-fiction writing
Topic 5: <i>Journeys into the unknown</i>	Notes from an author: Paul Rosolie 21st Century nonfiction (travel writing, article)	Topic 5: <i>Growing up</i>	Why teaching table manners can do more harm than good 21st Century nonfiction (article)	Topic 5: <i>Fatherly advice</i>	Hard Times 19th Century fiction
	Heart of Darkness 19th Century fiction		Clinging to the Wreckage 20th Century nonfiction (autobiography)		A letter from W.E.B. Du Bois 20th Century nonfiction (letter)
	Writing an article Non-fiction writing		Writing an account Fiction/non-fiction writing		Writing an article Non-fiction writing
Topic 6: <i>In pictures</i>	My First Visit to the Movies 20th Century nonfiction (article)	Topic 6: <i>Punishment</i>	The Plowden Report 20th Century nonfiction (report)	Topic 6: <i>Lost and found</i>	Tidy the room that time forgot and you might clean up 21st Century nonfiction (article)
	Why all this selfie obsession? 21st Century nonfiction (article)		Heart of Darkness 19th Century fiction		Silas Marner 19th Century fiction
	Writing an article Non-fiction writing		Writing an account Fiction/non-fiction writing		Writing an account Fiction/non-fiction writing
		Topic 7: <i>Disaster</i>	Fukushima horse breeder braves high radiation levels to care for animals 21st Century nonfiction (article)	Topic 7: <i>Nasty!</i>	The Great Railway Bazaar 20th Century nonfiction (travel writing)
			The story of an eye-witness 20th Century nonfiction (account)		I discovered a new species up my nose 21st Century nonfiction (travel writing)
			Writing a letter/article Non-fiction writing		Writing an article Non-fiction writing