

English (Year 8)

Curriculum Map 2025-2026



Exam: Reading Skills, Response, Spare Reading Test



Frankenstein: Playscript and Poetry

Language and Effect

A 6-week unit exploring how writer's craft their texts using Philip Pullman's adaptation of Frankenstein and poetry from the Victorian era to inform their response



Year 8 – Term 3



Shakespeare's Restless World

Language and Effect

A 6-week unit exploring how writer's craft their texts using extracts from Shakespeare's histories and comedies to inform their response



Animal Farm and Rhetoric

Finding Our Voices: The Art of Rhetoric

A 12-week unit exploring how arguments are developed using the novella as inspiration



Year 8 – Term 2



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Finding Our Voices: The Art of Rhetoric

A 12-week unit exploring how arguments are developed using the novella as inspiration

Exam: Narrative Writing



Twelve Minutes to Midnight

Composition and Transcription in Writing

A 12-week unit exploring composition of pupils' own writing using the novel as inspiration



Year 8 – Term 1



Twelve Minutes to Midnight

Composition and Transcription in Writing

A 12-week unit exploring composition of pupils' own writing using the novel as inspiration

Baseline: Sparx Reading Test