English Literature A-level (AQA Spec B) Curriculum Map 2025-26

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Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
An Introduction to Crime: The Murder of Roger Ackroyd Paper 2A Tropes of crime fiction Crime subgenres 1920s context Role of Christie as a female author Role of victim Social Commentary Narrative structure Christie's influence on other writers within the genre Construction of evaluator essays		Crime Poetry: Robert Browning Paper 2A Porphyria's Lover My Last Duchess Conventions of crime and poetry. Context of Browning.	NEA Narrative Coursework: Theory and Independence. Taught narrative theory based on the AQA Critical Anthology Independent text choice based on discussion with teacher Setting of essay question based on text and specific area of narrative interest		An Introduction to Shakespearean Contand Comedy: Paper 1B
Initial essays based on poems in isolation using In Autumn 2 there are timed essays.	g AS level questions. Regular content checks.	Assessed essays every three weeks. Final timed essay at end of Spring Term 1.		First drafts due in week 4. Final drafts due in before the end of summer term.	Final Y12 mock exam.
An Introduction to Comedy: Emma Paper 1B Novel as a literary form Comedic tropes within the genre. Context of the Regency era. The role of women in literature Satire			NEA Critical Theory: Feminism and Marxism Exploration of AQA Critical Anthology: Feminism and Marxism.	NEA Rossetti Coursework: Marxism and Feminism Taught content to include a range of Christina Rossetti poems Linked to Marxist and/or Feminist theory. Setting of essay question based on choice of poems and area of critical interest.	An Introduction to Crime Poetry – Robe Browning: Paper 2A
Assessment initially based on small context tests and checks. As reading of the novel progresses, written assessment becomes more formal including timed essays and homework responses. Mock exam comparing poetry with Emma at the end of Term 1.			Content tests based on theory learned over the course of the term.	First drafts due in week 4. Final drafts due in before the end of summer term.	Final Y12 mock exam.
Shakespearean Comedy: Twelfth Night Paper 1B		Crime Poetry – Crabbe and Wilde Paper 2A Ballad of Reading Goal Peter Grimes Associated context and poetical terminology to the poem taught as the term progresses.	Nevision of crime subgenres Exposure to a wide range of crime extracts Teaching of how to identify genre tropes, context and effects.	Revision of whole course Revision of all texts studied Final explanation and exploration of exam demands Practice planning and essays under timed conditions Meeting with individual students to discuss areas of specific need.	Exams
Initial focus on extract based questions As reading and study of the play continues, focus shifts to evaluation style questions. Assessment at regular intervals including an initial mock at five weeks.		Exam questions planned in each lesson. Two essays over the course of the half-term	Regular timed essays and content test based on identified, specific needs of students.		
 Dramatic conventions Context of late 19th century performance Wilde's personal context. Context of the nove Post-modernism as a Exam practice at reg 		Exploration of complex narrative structure Context of the novels settings Post-modernism as a genre Exam practice at regular intervals Conventions of crime genre including chara Social commentary Role of the victim		Revision of whole course Revision of all texts studied Final explanation and exploration of exam demands Practice planning and essays under timed conditions Meeting with individual students to discuss areas of specific need.	Exams
Two essays over the course of the term.	Two essays over the course of the term.	Comprehension tests at regular intervals. Exam style questions at regular intervals through	on identified, specific needs of students.		