

**English Department**  
**Curriculum Overview - Year 9**

**The Big Picture:**

Year 9 will study: a range of fiction and non-fiction reading texts in preparation for the GCSE Language Papers. They will also study a novel and begin their GCSE study with Shakespeare's "Macbeth".

AO1 – Understanding of texts.

AO2 – Language Analysis

AO5 – Writing – content and organisation.

AO6 – Spelling, punctuation and grammar.

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<p>Term 1: <b>"The Sign of The Four" – Victorianism – plot and context</b> <b>Green Task:</b> Speaking and Listening Presentation on context. Assessment Objectives covered – Language – AO8, AO9</p>	<p>Term 4: <b>GCSE Poetry – War Poetry</b> <b>Green Task:</b> Comparison Essay Assessment Objectives Covered – Language – AO1, AO2,</p>
<p>Term 2: <b>Great Expectations - Gothic writing and Nineteenth century</b> <b>Green Task:</b> Language Paper 1, Q4 on "Frankenstein". Assessment Objectives Covered – Language – AO1, AO2,</p>	<p>Term 5: <b>Shakespeare's Women</b> <b>Green Task:</b> Literature – How is Lady Macbeth presented in the extract, and the rest of the play? Assessment Objectives – Literature AO1, AO2, AO3</p>
<p>Term 3: <b>GCSE Poetry – Love and Relationships</b> <b>Green Task:</b> Write a story inspired by the image. Assessment Objectives covered – Language Paper 1, Q5 – AO5&amp;6</p>	<p>Term 6: <b>Shakespeare's Violence</b> <b>Green Task:</b> How does Shakespeare present the theme in the extract, and the play as a whole? Assessment Objectives Covered – AO1, 2, 3.</p>