

English

Year 13

Curriculum Overview

Intent: Year 13 - In Year 13, students take their understanding of language to a whole new level. They'll explore how English has evolved over centuries and how it continues to change in today's digital world. They'll also dive into how children learn to speak, read, and write—examining real-life examples and applying key theories. A major part of the year is dedicated to their coursework, where students get to be both researchers and writers, producing original work and investigating language in action. As the year progresses, students will study global varieties of English, gaining insight into how language reflects culture and identity across the world. They'll also revisit key topics to prepare for their final exams, sharpening their analytical skills and building confidence in tackling unseen texts. By the end of Year 13, students will be thoughtful, articulate communicators with a deep understanding of how language works—skills that are valuable not just for exams, but for university, careers, and life beyond the classroom.

	AUTUMN 1	AUTUMN 2	SPRING 1	SPRING 2	SUMMER 1	SUMMER 2
	Assessment 1			Assessment 2		
Core Course Topic:	Language Change & Child Language Acquisition (CLA): Students explore how English has evolved and how children acquire language.	NEA Original Writing & CLA Continued: Students begin their coursework, focusing on original writing and commentary. CLA shifts to written and multimodal development.	World Englishes & NEA Completion: Students study global varieties of English and complete their coursework.	Language Change Continued: Students revisit and deepen their understanding of how English has changed across time.	Exam Preparation & Revision: Focused revision of all topics and practice with past papers.	
Additional support links:	Seneca Learning, Mr Bruff (YouTube), AQA resources, Study Rocket	Coursework guides, exemplar texts, grammar and writing tools online	Case studies, interactive maps of English varieties, NEA support materials	Historical text archives, language change models, revision tools	AQA past papers, examiner reports, revision guides, peer-marking tools	
Knowledge:	Understanding of how language changes over time and how children learn to speak. Introduction to key theories and case studies.	Knowledge of how children develop reading and writing skills, and how to craft original texts with purpose and audience in mind.	Understanding of how English varies globally, including pronunciation, grammar, and vocabulary. Attitudes to language diversity.	Detailed knowledge of lexical, grammatical, semantic, and phonological change. Theories and models of language evolution.	Consolidated understanding of all course content, including CLA, Language Change, Diversity, and World Englishes.	
Skills:	Understanding of how language changes over time and how children learn to speak. Introduction to key theories and case studies.	Creative writing, commentary writing, planning and structuring coursework, analysing children's written language.	Research, essay writing, comparing global Englishes, and finalising coursework with critical reflection.	Tracking changes across time, evaluating reform efforts, and applying models like Kachru's Circles and wave theory.	Timed essay writing, interpreting unseen texts, refining arguments, and exam technique.	