

Bank View School



English Key Stage 4 Curriculum Overview

In Key Stage 4 students prepare to take examinations in English and Functional Skills English. Pupils continue to work on improving their overall literacy skills while also working towards achieving external qualifications. There is a greater focus on non-fiction formats such as reports, letters, persuasive texts, discursive texts and job applications. However, the pupils will continue to follow the National Curriculum and will therefore also study literature recommended on GCSE courses, including classic texts like *Of Mice and Men*, *Macbeth* and *Blood Brothers*. Class readers are used as a springboard for writing, speaking and listening activities, to cover SMSC topics and to promote British values. Students in KS4 follow an exam course according to their ability. We offer pupils the chance to sit Open Awards Entry Level 1 to

Level 2 Functional Skills English Exams and the OCR Entry Level English course. These qualifications focus on communication skills that will be useful for life beyond the classroom. Students sit short exams/ tests at the correct level in reading, writing and speaking and listening. Grades range from Entry level 1 to Level 2. GCSE English Language and Literature is also offered to students working at Level 1.

Year 10	Year 11
<p>Blood Brothers by Willy Russell (GCSE and Entry Level)</p>	<p>A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens (GCSE literature)</p> <p>Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck (GCSE Language Entry Level)</p>
<p>Power and Conflict Anthology and Unseen Poetry (GCSE and Entry Level)</p>	<p>Exploring language in creative texts Exploring language in viewpoint texts (GCSE)</p> <p>Transactional Writing (Entry Level)</p> <p>Open Awards and OCR Spoken Language Presentations (GCSE and Entry Level)</p>
<p>Macbeth by William Shakespeare (GCSE and Entry Level)</p>	<p>Final Revisits Revisit, secure and practise expression of knowledge essential for successful course certification and next steps of education or employment.</p> <p>Language P1 Language P2 A Christmas Carol Macbeth Poetry Blood Brothers (GCSE)</p> <p>Reading and Writing Exams Open Awards and OCR (Entry Level)</p>

Extra-curricular activity: At least one theatre performance linked to the curriculum texts