

Post 16 English Teaching and Learning Framework

The intent of the English and Communication Curriculum is to develop reading and communication skills for all pupils. Through stories, pupils will learn key skills in reading and writing alongside exploring a range of localities, beliefs, cultures and ways of life that may be different from their own. English and Communication is the starting point for all other learning.

All English lessons will start from a story. Sequences of lessons will take place over two to three weeks, and within that time, a balance of reading and writing will be taught. Progress in reading will be monitored through the phonics and guided reading lessons and progress in writing will be monitored through the Big Writes that will take place at the end of a sequence of lessons (around every three weeks). In addition, reading and handwriting will be explicitly taught through phonics or sound recognition lessons, depending on ability and through shared or guided reading lessons (shared reading for pupils who have not yet learnt Read Write Inc stage 1 sounds and guided reading for all other pupils).

Pupils will be taught the alphabet and alphabetical order at all stages of development, beginning with songs and progressing to finding missing letters and ordering words. Knowledge of the alphabet will be taught at the beginning of every English lesson for as long as it is needed. Alphabetical order will be reinforced through the organisation of word banks and other lists in the classroom.

Communication is explicitly taught in Communication lessons and reinforced in all other areas of the curriculum, including during break times.

Our curriculum follows a three year cycle in which pupils are provided with a broad and balanced curriculum with opportunities for over learning and building on prior understanding. There is a developmental framework for writing available for staff to refer to for the specific stages of writing development. In English, our post-16 pupils can work towards their functional skills qualifications, from entry levels 1-3 to level 1. The objectives below have broadly been adapted from these qualifications. The document below outlines the learning focus for each topic and within our post-16 is broadly differentiated into encountering (functional skills entry level 1-2) and developing (functional skills entry level 3 and level 1).

Cycle One			
Autun	nn 1	Autu	mn 2
Letters – formal an	d informal / lists	Instructions/div	rections/recipes
Lion - young readers version	Gregory Cool	Lion - young readers version	The Journey
Encountering	Developing	Encountering	Developing
Recognise the features of a book.	Communicate information and opinions clearly related to the themes in	Recognise the features of a book.	Communicate information and opinions clearly related to the themes in the story.
Communicate feelings and opinions while discussing the story.	the story. Make relevant contributions to group	Communicate feelings and opinions while discussing the story.	Make relevant contributions to group discussions.
Participate in a simple discussion or exchange with another person while discussing the story.	Listen to and respond appropriately to other	Participate in a simple discussion or exchange with another person while discussing the story.	Express opinions and arguments and support them with evidence.
Punctuate simple sentences with a capital letter and a full stop	points of view, respecting conventions of turn taking.	Punctuate simple sentences with a capital letter and a full stop.	Listen to and respond appropriately to other points of view, respecting conventions of turn taking.

Spell and read correctly words designated for entry level 1 or 2.	Understand the main points in texts. Read and understand sentences with more than one clause. Use basic punctuation	Spell correctly words designated for entry level 1.	Understand the main points in texts. Read and understand sentences with more than one clause.
	correctly. Communicate information in words, phrases and simple sentences.		Use basic punctuation correctly. Communicate information in words, phrases and simple sentences.

Spr	ing 1	Spr	ing 2
Writing reviews and	l opinions/biography	Personal stater	nents/biography
Jesse Owens	Dwayne Johnson	Ada Lovelace	Manfish
Encountering	Developing	Encountering	Developing
Respond to questions about specific information.	Understand the main points in texts.	Respond to questions about specific information.	Understand organisational and structural features and use them to locate relevant information.
Make clear statements about basic information and communicate feelings	Make requests and ask relevant questions to obtain specific information - for	Make clear statements about basic information and communicate feelings on	

on straightforward topics.	example planning questions to ask about someone they	straightforward topics.	Communicate information and opinions clearly on a range of
Participate in a simple discussion or exchange	are interested in.	Participate in a simple discussion or exchange with	topics.
with another person.	Listen to and respond appropriately to other	another person.	Follow and understand the main points of discussions.
Identify and extract the	points of view, respecting	Identify and extract the main	
main information from short statements and	conventions of turn taking.	information from short statements and explanations.	Communicate information, ideas and opinions clearly and
explanations.	Understand organisational markers in short,	Understand a short piece of	in a logical sequence.
Understand a short piece of text on a simple subject.	straightforward texts.	text on a simple subject.	
	Use basic punctuation	Use a capital letter for the	
Use a capital letter for the	correctly.	personal pronoun 'I' and the	
personal pronoun 'I' and		first letter of proper nouns.	
the first letter of proper	Read and spell correctly		
nouns.	words designated for entry level 3.	Communicate information in words, phrases and simple	
Communicate information		sentences.	
in words, phrases and simple sentences.			

Summer 1	Summer 2
Narrative and descriptive writing	Drama/playscripts and descriptive writing
Demon Dentist	Demon Dentist

Encountering	Developing	Encountering	Developing
To identify the main components of narrative (plot, setting, characterisation, atmosphere, point of view, conflict). To understand how an author develops character through description, contrast, dialogue and behaviours. Pupils will be able to identify stereotypes in writing and discuss their personal opinions of them. To investigate the use of opposites in characterisation. To understand how the author uses language to develop characterisation. To understand how an author creates atmosphere through building up tensions in sentence construction and description.	Pupils will be able to analyse a paragraph in a text and discuss their likes and dislikes. Pupils will be able to discuss in detail, using examples to support their opinions, the value of stereotypes in literature. Pupils will be able to effectively develop characters in their own story writing.	To identify figurative language and enjoy learning new words. Pupils will be able to identify the main events in a story and make predictions about what will happen next. Pupils will be able to write sentences with a wider range of punctuation and ambitious vocabulary. Pupils will recap the features and purpose of a playscript. Pupils will recap what a stereotype is and how they are used in this story. Pupils will be able to dramatise a scene from the story, taking on the role of a particular character, demonstrating empathy and use of voice, verbal and non-verbal language for effect. Pupils will be able to write a playscript for a section of the	Pupils will be able to write a review of a story, using examples to support their opinions. Pupils will be able to evaluate their own performances and make suggestions for improvements. Pupils will be able to explain why they have chosen a particular way of dramatising a character. Eg choice of props, clothing, voice, language. Pupils will be able to explain the effect of a characters use of body language in drama.

To identify and explain the author's choice of language. To explain how characters are developed as the story moves along. To identify effective language techniques for descriptions and begin to use them in their own writing	story, rehearse it and perform it to a real audience.	
are developed as the story moves along. To identify effective language techniques for descriptions and begin to		

Cycle Two

Autumn 1		Autumn 2	
Descript	ive writing	Formal and inf	ormal letters
Myths and legends : Pandora's Box, Perseus and Medusa, King Arthur	Anita and me	Myths and legends: Robin Hood	Anita and me
Encountering	Developing	Encountering	Developing
Pupils will understand the difference between a myth and a legend. Pupils will understand how these stories came to exist. Pupils will be able to identify the character, setting and theme of a myth/ legend. Pupils will identify the theme of the myth/ legend. Pupils will be able to identify the key features of a myth and legend. Pupils will practise writing capital letters correctly for names of people and places and starting sentences.	Pupils will be able to use a wide range of language structures and punctuation when writing a story. Pupils will use grammatically correct sentences. Pupils will be able to understand the main events in a story. Pupils will understand what is meant by semi- autobiographical Pupils will be able to discuss how language choice supports characterisation.	Pupils will be able to make inferences about how a character is feeling and their motivations, giving simple explanations for their answers. Pupils will be able to identify effective words and phrases for description. Pupils will recap the different purposes for letter writing eg to complain, to inform, to persuade. Pupils will be able to identify the difference between a formal and an informal letter and why people in the past may have written letters more	Pupils will use grammatically correct sentences. Pupils will be able to understand the main events in a story. Pupils will understand what is meant by semi- autobiographical Pupils will be able to discuss how language choice supports characterisation. Pupils will develop their skills of empathy by discussing how a character is feeling and supporting their ideas with evidence

Pupils will be able to plan	Pupils will recap the features	
their own story about one of	of a letter, and identify the	
the characters in the myths	different language used when	
and legends they have	writing informal letters and	
written, eg Perseus or King	formal letters.	
Arthur.	Pupils will compare and	
Pupils will be able to write	contrast the legend of Robin	
simple and compound	Hood with King Arthur,	
sentences and they will	identifying similarities and	
develop their use of	differences.	
ambitious vocabulary.		
Pupils will be able to		
organise their stories into a		
simple structure, using		
paragraphs to organise		
their writing.		
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Spi	ring 1	Sprin	g 2
Job ap	plications	CV	5
Ραρ	erboy	Paper	boy
Encountering	Developing	Encountering	Developing

Pupils will understand what is meant by an autobiography. Pupils will learn about the context of the troubles of Northern Ireland and how they impacted on peoples lives in Northern Ireland at that time. Pupils will be able to identify the features of an autobiography. Pupils will understand what the role of a paperboy was and why it was needed at the time. Pupils will understand what is meant by a job application and why it should be completed. Pupils will identify the different jobs they would like to do in the community and around school. Pupils will learn how to complete n application form.	Pupils will be able to understand the main events of an autobiography. Pupils will be able to identify information that tells us about the context in which this autobiography was written. Pupils will be able to discuss the actions, feelings and motivations of characters in the book, using evidence to support their opinions. Pupils will be able to complete a job application form with correctly punctuated sentences and a range of formal vocabulary.	Pupils will understand what a CV is and how this is different to an application form. Pupils will be able to identify the features of a CV. Pupils will compare and contrast different CVs, identifying the similarities and differences. Pupils will be able to write their own CVs . Pupils will understand what is meant by a job application and why it should be completed. Pupils will identify the different jobs they would like to do in the community and around school. Pupils will be able to write about themselves and their skills, using grammatically correct sentences and correctly punctuated sentences.	Pupils will be able to understand the main events of an autobiography. Pupils will be able to identify information that tells us about the context in which this autobiography was written. Pupils will be able to discuss the actions, feelings and motivations of characters in the book, using evidence to support their opinions. Pupils will be able to complete a CV with correctly punctuated sentences and a range of formal vocabulary.
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Pupils will be able to write	Pupils will be al	ble to use the
about themselves and their	appropriate for	rmal language
skills, using grammatically	for a CV.	
correct sentences and		
correctly punctuated		
sentences.		
Pupils will be able to use		
the appropriate formal		
language for an		
application form.		
Pupils will understand what		
is meant by accent and		
why accents can be		
different in different parts		
of our country.		
Pupils will learn what we		
mean by dialect and why		
this differs in different		
parts of the country.		
Pupils will be able to		
develop skills in empathy		
by discussing the actions,		
feelings and motivations		
of the people in the book.		
different in different parts of our country. Pupils will learn what we mean by dialect and why this differs in different parts of the country. Pupils will be able to develop skills in empathy by discussing the actions, feelings and motivations		

Summer 1 Letter writing – emails Bias – online newspapers and news articles		Summer 2 Reports - writing reports about sports day and the prom Bias - online newspapers and news articles					
				Encountering	Encountering Developing		Developing
				Pupils will compare emails with letters, identifying the audience and purpose. Pupils will understand that emails are often used instead of letters now. Pupils will recap the difference between formal and informal language and when both might be used. Pupils will learn the importance of writing the subject in the email content. Pupils will understand how to structure an email. Pupils will be able to write emails for a range of formal and informal purposes.	Pupils will Analyse news articles, of different levels of complexity, recognising their use of vocabulary and identifying levels of formality and bias Pupils will Follow an argument, identifying different points of view and distinguishing fact from opinion Pupils will be able toIdentify and understand the main points, ideas and details in texts Pupils will be able to Compare information, ideas and opinions in different newspaper articles. Pupils will be able to Identify meanings in texts and distinguish between fact and opinion	Pupils will read a range of newspaper articles about current affairs, identifying the main purpose and content of the articles. Pupils will begin to identify bias in a newspaper report, beginning to use examples from the text to support their opinions. Pupils will recap the features of a news report. Pupils will Use a range of punctuation correctly (e.g. full stops, question marks, exclamation marks, commas) Pupils will write their own news report, Communicating information, ideas and	Pupils will Analyse news articles, of different levels of complexity, recognising their use of vocabulary and identifying levels of formality and bias Pupils will Follow an argument, identifying different points of view and distinguishing fact from opinion Pupils will be able to identify and understand the main points, ideas and details in texts Pupils will be able to Compare information, ideas and opinions in different newspaper articles. Pupils will be able to Identify meanings in

Pupils will read a range of newspaper articles about current affairs, identifying the main purpose and content of the articles. Pupils will begin to identify bias in a newspaper report, beginning to use examples from the text to support their opinions.	Pupils will be able to find the meaning of unknown words using their knowledge of root words and dictionaries. Pupils will Use a range of punctuation correctly (e.g. full stops, question marks, exclamation marks, commas, possessive apostrophes) Pupils will Use correct grammar (e.g. subject-verb agreement, consistent use of different tenses, definite and indefinite articles) Pupils will Spell words used most often in work, study and daily life, including specialist words Pupils will Write consistently and accurately in complex sentences, using paragraphs where appropriate	opinions clearly and in a logical sequence Pupils will be able to use paragraphs to structure their writing. Pupils will be able to use the appropriate language for a news report. Pupils will be able to use eye witness accounts, using speech marks correctly.	texts and distinguish between fact and opinion Pupils will be able to find the meaning of unknown words using their knowledge of root words and dictionaries. Pupils will Use a range of punctuation correctly (e.g. full stops, question marks, exclamation marks, exclamation marks, commas, possessive apostrophes) Pupils will Use correct grammar (e.g. subject-verb agreement, consistent use of different tenses, definite and indefinite articles)
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Cycle Three		
Autumn 1	Autumn 2	

Form filling and keeping notes of events Artichoke Hearts		Report Writing Artichoke Hearts	
Pupils will be able to read an increasing number of words more fluently. Pupils will be able to empathise with a character through exploring their actions, motivations and feelings. Pupils will be able to sequence the main events in a story. Pupils will use their knowledge of stories to make predictions. Pupils will be able to identify effective language and language structures used for effect. Pupils will be able to find the meaning of unknown words through knowledge	Pupils will Identify the different situations when the main points are sufficient and when it is important to have specific details Pupils will Identify implicit and inferred meaning in texts Pupils will Identify different styles of writing and writer's voice Pupils will Spell words used in work, study and daily life, including a range of specialist words Pupils will organise their notes to ensure they can return to them at a later date and understand them.	Pupils will be able to read an increasing number of words more fluently. Pupils will be able to empathise with a character through exploring their actions, motivations and feelings. Pupils will be able to sequence the main events in a story. Pupils will use their knowledge of stories to make predictions. Pupils will be able to identify effective language and language structures used for effect. Pupils will be able to find the meaning of unknown words through knowledge of root words, context and using dictionaries.	Pupils will be able to write reports that Communicate information, ideas and opinions clearly, coherently and effectively Pupils will be able to write a report that is the appropriate length and detail. Pupils will be able to Organise their writing using appropriate format and structure Pupils will be able to Convey clear meaning and establish cohesion using organisational markers effectively Pupils will be able to Use

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of root words, context and	Pupils will learn how an author	language and register
using dictionaries.	can structure a story for effect.	eg specialist language,
Pupils will learn how an	Pupils will Use a range of	suited to audience and
author can structure a	punctuation correctly (e.g. full	purpose.
story for effect.	stops, question marks,	Pupils will be able to
Pupils will Use a range of	exclamation marks, commas)	construct complex
punctuation correctly (e.g.	Pupils will be able to Form	sentences consistently
full stops, question marks,	irregular plurals eg women,	and accurately, using
exclamation marks,	children, people	paragraphs where
commas)	Pupils will be able to use	appropriate.
Pupils will be able to Form	mostly correct grammar.	
irregular plurals eg women,	Pupils will be able to put words	
children, people	in alphabetical order using the	
Pupils will be able to use	first three letters of each word.	
mostly correct grammar.	Pupils will be able to	
Pupils will be able to put	Communicate information,	
words in alphabetical	ideas and opinions in a report	
order using the first three	clearly and in a logical	
letters of each word.	sequence (e.g. chronologically,	
Pupils will be able to	by task)	
identify the purpose of	Pupils will write a report with	
note taking.	the appropriate level of detail	
Pupils will be able to make	for the reader to understand	
notes about a range of	and maintain interest.	
information.	Pupils will be able to organise	
Pupils will be able to	their reports about an event	
complete forms for a	using headings.	
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range of purposes, using headings as a guide. Pupils will be able to use conjunctions in their sentences	Pupils will Write in compound sentences and paragraphs. Pupils wil be able to use the appropriate language for report writing, including subject specific words and time connectives.	
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Spri	ng 1		Spring 2
Job descriptions		Letter writing	
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory		Charlie and the Chocolate Factory	
Developing	Enhancing	Developing Enhancing	
Pupils will be able to identify the main events in a story. Pupils will be able to develop empathy for characters by exploring their actions, motivations and feelings.	Pupils will be able to use a wider range of punctuation correctly, including apostrophes for possession. Pupils will be able to spell most words they write correctly. Pupils will be able to Communicate	Pupils will be able to identify the main events in a story. Pupils will be able to develop empathy for characters by exploring their actions, motivations and feelings.	Pupils will be able to use a wider range of punctuation correctly, including apostrophes for possession. Pupils will be able to spell most words they write correctly. Pupils will be able to Communicate information, ideas and opinions clearly, coherently and accurately

Pupils will be able to identify effective language used by the author for impact and effect. Pupils will be able to identify similes and metaphors and begin to explain the effect on the reader. Pupils will be able to read an increasing number of words more fluently. Pupils will be able to use dictionaries to check their spelling. Pupils will be able to read and understand sentences with more than one clause. Pupils will understand the purpose of job descriptions. Pupils will be able to identify the structure of a job description. Pupils will be able to write job descriptions for the	information, ideas and opinions clearly, coherently and accurately Pupils will be able to Write consistently and accurately in complex sentences, using paragraphs where appropriate	Pupils will be able to identify effective language used by the author for impact and effect. Pupils will be able to identify similes and metaphors and begin to explain the effect on the reader. Pupils will be able to read an increasing number of words more fluently. Pupils will be able to use dictionaries to check their spelling. Pupils will be able to read and understand sentences with more than one clause. Pupils will be able to use punctuation correctly, including fulls stops, question marks, exclamation marks, commas. Pupils will be able o organise words into	Pupils will be able to Write consistently and accurately in complex sentences, using paragraphs where appropriate
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characters in Charlie and	alphabetical order, using	
the Chocolate factory.	the first three letters of	
Pupils will be able to use	each word.	
punctuation correctly,	Pupils will be able to	
including fulls stops,	identify ambitious	
question marks,	adjectives in Charlie and	
exclamation marks,	the Chocolate Factory and	
commas.	begin to use them in their	
Pupils will be able o	own writing.	
organise words into	Pupils will be able to use	
alphabetical order, using	compound and some	
the first three letters of	complex sentences in their	
each word.	writing.	
Pupils will be able to	Pupils will recap the	
identify ambitious	different purposes for	
adjectives in Charlie and	letter writing eg to	
the Chocolate Factory and	complain, to inform, to	
begin to use them in their	persuade.	
own writing.	Pupils will be able to	
Pupils will be able to use	identify the difference	
compound and some	between a formal and an	
complex sentences in their	informal letter and why	
writing.	people in the past may	
	have written letters more	
	than we do now	
	Pupils will recap the	
	features of a letter, and	
	features of a letter, and	

	identify the different language used when writing informal letters and formal letters. Pupils will write formal and informal letters as though they are characters in the story and for real life purposes eg to organise an event.
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Summer 1		Summer 2	
Descriptive writing		Narrative writing	
Awful Auntie		Awful Auntie	
Developing	Enhancing	Developing Enhancing	
To identify the main components of narrative (plot, setting, characterisation, atmosphere, point of view, conflict).	Pupils will be able to analyse a paragraph in a text and discuss their likes and dislikes. Pupils will be able to discuss in detail, using examples to support their opinions, the	To identify figurative language and enjoy learning new words. Pupils will be able to identify the main events in a story and	Pupils will be able to write a review of a story, using examples to support their opinions. Pupils will be able to write with a greater range of sentence

correctly.
