

OPA Curriculum Explained – Year 7 English

What will my child be learning in Spring Term 2024

(Thursday 4th January 2024 to Thursday 28th March 2024)

Year 7 English Spring Term Curriculum Focus

Skills	Specific Skills
Grammar	Tricky Words (Homophones), Adjectives, Verbs, Adverbs, Conjunctions, Commas, Apostrophes, Semi Colons
Sentences	Descriptive Writing: Setting a Scene, Perspective, Rule of Three, The+The, Zoom In/Out
	Participles
Words	Perpetual, Connote, Encompass, Oxymoron, Incessant, Intrigue, Converse, Anthropomorphism, Asyndetic, Abstract, Realisation
Ideas	Truth, Justice
Reading	Understanding/Summarise
	Thesis Statement
	Finding Evidence
Writing	Sentences
	Grammar
	Spelling
	Rhetorical Techniques
	Structure: Personal – General – General - Personal

Content	Specific Content
Non Fiction Extracts: Travel, Diaries and Memoirs	Alice Springs by Jan Morris, Extraordinary Little Cough by Dylan Thomas, The Reason I Jump by Naoki Highashida, Diary Entries by Siegfried Sassoon, Virginia Woolf, Charlotte Bronte, Queen Victoria
Crime Fiction	Extracts from: Murder at the Rue Morgue by Edgar Allan Poe, Locked Room Mysteries, Study in Scarlet by Arthur

	Conan Doyle, The Big Sleep by Raymond Chandler, Casino Royale by Ian Fleming, Stormbreaker by Anthony Horowitz
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How will my child be assessed during Term 2 and what will they be set for homework?

Weekly Review/Assessment lessons on:

Week	Word of the Week	Sentence of the Week	Big Idea	SPAG Focus (Homework)
8/1	Enviably	Setting the Scene	Truth	Tricky Words
15/1	Perpetual	Perspective	Truth	Tricky Words
22/1	Connote	Rule of Three	Truth	Adjectives
29/1	Encompass	The + The	Truth	Verbs
5/2	Oxymoron	Zoom In/Out	Truth	Adverbs
12/2	Incessant	Recap	Truth	Conjunctions
26/2	Intrigue	Participles 1	Justice	Commas
4/3	Converse	Participles 2	Justice	Apostrophes
11/3	Anthropomorphism	Participles 3	Justice	Semi Colons
18/3	Asyndetic	Participles 4	Justice	Colons
25/3	Abstract	Participles 5	Justice	Homophones

End of Term Assessment: 1 hour. Two Parts: Reading and Writing. Covers all of above

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OPA Curriculum Explained – Year 8 English

What will my child be learning in Spring Term 2024

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Year 8 English Spring Term Curriculum Focus

Skills	Specific Skills
Grammar	Homophones, Adjectives, Verbs, Adverbs, Conjunctions, Commas, Apostrophes, Semi Colons
Sentences	Descriptive Writing: Setting a Scene, Perspective, Rule of Three, The+The, Zoom In/Out
	Participles
Words	Analepsis, Simile, Metonymy, Parenthesis, Arguably, Fretful, Synechdoche, Portentous, Obligation, Rhetoric, Symbiotic
Ideas	Truth, Justice
Reading	Understanding/Summarise
	Thesis Statement
	Comparison
Writing	Sentences
	Grammar
	Spelling
	Rhetorical Techniques
	Structure: Personal – General – General - Personal

Content	Specific Content
Non Fiction: to Show and to Tell 2 – Newspapers and Media	Students read a selection of contemporary articles from the Sunday Times and Sunday Mirror (for balance).
Non Fiction: To Show and to Tell 3 – Essays and Documentaries	On Noise by Seneca, Hateful Things by Shonogan, Extract from Such Were the Joys by George Orwell and Boy by Roald Dahl. Watch 'My Octopus Teacher'.

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Weekly Review/Assessment lessons on:

7 Week	Word of the Week	Sentence of the Week	Big Idea	SPAG Focus (Homework)
8/1	Analepsis	Setting the Scene	Truth	Tricky Words
15/1	Simile	Perspective	Truth	Tricky Words
22/1	Metonymy	Rule of Three	Truth	Adjectives
29/1	Parenthesis	The + The	Truth	Verbs
5/2	Protagonist	Zoom In/Out	Truth	Adverbs
12/2	Arguably	Recap	Truth	Conjunctions
26/2	Fretful	Participles 1	Conflict	Commas
4/3	Synecdoche	Participles 2	Conflict	Apostrophes
11/3	Portentous	Participles 3	Conflict	Semi Colons
18/3	Obligation	Participles 4	Conflict	Colons
25/3	Rhetoric	Participles 5	Conflict	Homophones

End of Term Assessment: 1 hour. Two Parts: Reading and Writing. Covers all of above

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OPA Curriculum Explained – Year 9 English

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Year 9 English Spring Term Curriculum Focus

Skills	Specific Skills
Grammar	Homophones, Adjectives, Verbs, Adverbs, Conjunctions, Commas, Apostrophes, Semi Colons
Sentences	Descriptive Writing: Setting a Scene, Perspective, Rule of Three, The+The, Zoom In/Out
	Participles
Words	Incarnate, Colloquial, Affliction, Bewilderment, Egotistical, Solipsism, Just, Divulge, Solidify, Enjambment, Transfix, Surge
Ideas	Truth, Justice
Reading	Understanding/Summarise
	Thesis Statement
	Metaphors
	Context
	Finding Patterns
Writing	Sentences
	Grammar
	Spelling
	Rhetorical Techniques
	Structure: Personal – General – General – Personal – Call to Action

Content	Specific Content
Non Fiction: to Show and to Tell 4 – Letters, Speeches and Comedy	Speeches from Braveheart; by Donovan Livingston, Queen Elizabeth (Tilbury Address), Richard Nixon. Letters by Francis Corr-Gomm (about John Merrick), The Connell Family (about Lockerbie), Letters to Yourself.
A View from the Bridge by Arthur Miller	

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Weekly Review/Assessment lessons on:

7 Week	Word of the Week	Sentence of the Week	Big Idea	SPAG Focus (Homework)
8/1	Incarinate	Setting the Scene	Truth	Tricky Words
15/1	Colloquial	Perspective	Truth	Tricky Words
22/1	Affliction	Rule of Three	Truth	Adjectives
29/1	Bewilderment	The + The	Truth	Verbs
5/2	Egotistical	Zoom In/Out	Truth	Adverbs
12/2	Solipsism	Recap	Truth	Conjunctions
26/2	Justly	Participles 1	Justice	Commas
4/3	Divulged	Participles 2	Justice	Apostrophes
11/3	Solidified	Participles 3	Justice	Semi Colons
18/3	Enjambment	Participles 4	Justice	Colons
25/3	Transfix	Participles 5	Justice	Homophones

End of Term Assessment: 2 hours. Two Parts: Reading and Writing. Covers all of above

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OPA Curriculum Explained – Year 10 English

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Year 10 English Spring Term Curriculum Focus

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Lit (3 Lessons)	A Christmas Carol Stave 2	A Christmas Carol Stave 3	A Christmas Carol Staves 4 and 5	A Christmas Carol Themes	A Christmas Carol Characters	A Christmas Carol Essay Writing
Lang (1 Lesson)*	Paper 1 Q5 (Creative Writing)	Paper 1 Q5 (Creative Writing)	Paper 1 Q5 (Creative Writing)	Paper 2 Question 2	Paper 2 Question 2	Paper 2 Question 3

	7	8	9	10	11	12
Lit (3 Lessons)	Macbeth Act 1	Macbeth Act 1	Macbeth Act 2	Macbeth Act 2	Macbeth Act 3	Macbeth Act 3
Lang (1 Lesson)	Paper 2 Question 4	Paper 2 Question 4	Paper 2 Question 5 (Persuasive Writing)	Paper 2 Question 5 (Persuasive Writing)	Paper 2 Question 5 (Persuasive Writing)	Paper 2 Question 5 (Persuasive Writing)

*Some variation according to class – some classes may be on P1 Question 4 with a view to starting Paper 1 Question 5 weeks 4-6 (which affects assessments below – week 3 could be P1Q4).

Year 10 English Spring Term Assessment Focus with Date

(Including resources to help students prepare for the assessment)

Week	Nature of assessment
3	Paper 1 Question 5
6	A Christmas Carol
9	Paper 2 Question 5
12	Macbeth

Year 10 Spring Term English Homework Focus

	1	2	3	4	5	6
All Homework on Educake	A Christmas Carol Stave 1 Quiz	A Christmas Carol Stave 2 Quiz	A Christmas Carol Staves 3 Quiz	A Christmas Carol Staves 4 and 5 Quiz	A Christmas Carol Themes Quiz	A Christmas Carol Characters Quiz

	1	2	3	4	5	6
All Homework on Educake	Macbeth Key Terms Quiz	Macbeth Act 1 Quiz	Macbeth Act 2 Quiz	Macbeth Act 2 Quiz	Macbeth Act 3 Quiz	Macbeth Act 3 Quiz