



English

KS3 and KS4

St Thomas More Catholic Academy

Welcome to the English department at St Thomas More Catholic Academy. We are a highly skilled and extensive department, all achieving fantastic results for our students.

At STMCA, students will be well prepared in their education throughout KS3 as they start their secondary school journey. We ensure that all of our students have access to a rich and ambitious curriculum as soon as they enter KS3. Students will start their learning journey in Y7 studying the classic adventure novel Treasure Island (most students will have studied the beginning of Treasure Island in Year 6, giving their transition more fluidity), a variety of Shakespeare texts, Literature from Diverse Perspectives and War Horse. Our aim is to take the students through the years of literary works on order to infuse, consolidate and exceed their learning, as they eventually progress through to KS4 and KS5.

The border of images at the top and bottom of the page are references to the texts that we study at GCSE: Romeo and Juliet, An Inspector Calls, Power and Conflict Poetry and A Christmas Carol.



Our Curriculum

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 7	Treasure Island	Treasure Island	Introduction to Shakespeare	Literature from Diverse Perspectives	War Horse	War Horse
Year 8	Macbeth	Macbeth	Blood Brothers	Diverse Poetry	Lord of The Flies	Lord of The Flies
Year 9	Othello	Othello	Pre 20 th Century Poetry	Diverse Prose	Of Mice and Men	Of Mice and Men

	Autumn One	Autumn Two	Spring One	Spring Two	Summer One	Summer Two
Year 10	Romeo and Juliet	Romeo and Juliet	A Christmas Carol	A Christmas Carol	An Inspector Calls	An Inspector Calls
Year 11	Language Paper One	Literature Paper One	Literature Paper Two	Language Paper Two	Language and Literature revision	Examinations

Logistics

Year 7 students will have 3 hours of English lessons per week and 1 hour of Bedrock.

Homework will be set on Mapper each Blue week. Mapper focuses on disciplinary literacy which enables learners to think, read, write and speak like experts in a particular subject.

Enrichment KS3

- New Victoria Christmas production
- A trip to the theatre to watch the performance of a studied text
- SASCAL Youth Speaking Competition
- Extra-curricular clubs, such as a book club, scrabble club and debate clubs

Bedrock Vocabulary:

Our Year 7 and 8 students take part in Bedrock Vocabulary lessons which are vital in helping to narrow the word gap, building vocabulary and improving outcomes across all subjects.

Enrichment KS4

- Poetry Live
- Manchester Actors (MANACTO)
- And many more added throughout the year