

Literacy Topic Overview
Key Stages 3 and 4

The main focus of literacy lessons should be to support students' development within the four strands – reading, writing, speaking and listening and discreet learning activities should be planned.
The topics below should be taught in addition to the key skills (strands) in order to ensure students are receiving a broad and balanced curriculum. The topic content may be used to inform planning towards the development of the key skills.

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 7	Exploration of short stories	Exploration of short stories linked to seasonal events. Exploration of adverts and the stories they tell.	Study of novel (The Magic Finger by Roald Dahl)	Fiction and non-fiction. How we infer from non-fiction texts	Writing short stories	Poetry – an overview of different genres of poetry.
Year 8	Autobiographies	Pre 1914 texts (Just so stories)	Following instructions	Myths and legends	Descriptive poems (focus on adjectives)	Visual literacy (Literacy shed)
Year 9 Red to blue pathways	News/ newspapers	Recount text	Study of Musicals (The Greatest Showman)	Producing a short story	Study of a novel Kensuke's Kingdom (SFL) The Iron Man (PFA)	Study of a film
Year 9 Indigo and violet pathways	Story massage Exploration of stimuli liked to seasonal events	Story massage Exploration of stimuli liked to seasonal events	Story massage Exploration of stimuli liked to seasonal events	Story massage Exploration of stimuli liked to seasonal events	Story massage Exploration of stimuli liked to seasonal events	Story massage Exploration of stimuli liked to seasonal events
Year 10 Red to blue pathways	Following and writing instructions. Writing to inform, explain and describe.	Following and writing instructions. Writing to inform, explain and describe.	Study of a musical	Planning and delivering a short presentation.	Study of film Hunger Games (SFL)	Writing for different purposes
Year 10 Indigo and violet pathways	Following instructions 'Nadiya's bake me a story'—seasonal based	Following instructions 'Nadiya's bake me a story'—seasonal based	Story massage Exploration of stimuli liked to seasonal events	Story massage Exploration of stimuli liked to seasonal events	Sensory stories Charlie and the chocolate factory	Sensory Stories Robinson Crusoe
Year 11 Red to blue pathways	Study of a novel	Study of a film	Reading information	Role play of real life situations	Debating	Completion of application forms and personal documentation
Year 11 Indigo and violet pathways	Story massage Exploration of stimuli liked to seasonal events	Story massage Exploration of stimuli liked to seasonal events	Story massage Exploration of stimuli liked to seasonal events	Story massage Exploration of stimuli liked to seasonal events	Sensory stories Around the world in 80 days	Sensory stories

