## Course overview 2025/2026

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Unit title	Key concept	Related concepts	Global context	Statement of inquiry	Objectives	ATL skills	Content
Unit 1 – Welcome to my world September - November	Creativity	Purpose	Identities and relationships	We can use language to describe and define happiness and intelligence and only then can we work towards a fulfilling personal future in a global context.	A i, ii, iii B i. ii, iii C i, ii, iii, iv D i, ii, iii, iv	Social skills  2.1.2 Practise empathy  2.1.4 Help others to success  2.1.6 Manage and resolve conflict  2.1.9 Listen actively to other perspectives and ideas  2.1.13 Give and receive meaningful feedback  Thinking skills  5.1.2 Gather and organise relevant information to formulate an argument  5.1.4 Interpret data  5.1.11 Formulate factual, topical, conceptual and debateable questions  5.1.12 Consider ideas from multiple perspectives  Communication skills  1.2 Use intercultural understanding to interpret communication  1.3 Use a variety of speaking techniques to communicate with a variety of audiences  1.11 Read critically and for comprehension	Mhat makes teenagers happy?  15 tips for teens to lead happier lives  "A Mad Tea Party" from Alice in  Wonderland (the novel excerpt and the film)  Familiarizing students with different periods (Victorian England)  Knowledge  Discipline specific  Students will use a number of language and literature related terms, such as novel, narrator, plot, character, setting, point of view, theme, style.  Skills  Oral communication  Formative oral and interactive skills — role play — Wycliffe and friends  Discussing the extract with attention to detail  Written communication  Reading and writing  Writing a bio-poem  Comprehension questions  Vocabulary extension — learning new vocabulary and using it in new sentences written by students  Writing a reading comprehension test  Visual communication  Bio-poems displayed on the board

<b>Unit 2 – Growing up</b> November – February	Perspective	Context Voice	Identities and relationships	Literature gives voice to transcultural issues, allowing individuals to reflect on their beliefs and values from their own time perspective and context.	B i, ii, iii C i, ii, iii, iv D i, ii, iii, iv	Communication skills Students consider the concept of boarding schools and express their opinion on how they fit different societies  Research skills Students explore the Internet and other reliable sources on the history of boarding schools and their effect on the development of young individuals  Thinking skills Students read critically and for comprehension (the novel and short story-individual home reading and answering questions)  Students use and interpret a range of discipline-specific terms (literary terms - brainstorming, writing definitions and revising using students' prior knowledge) Students analyse and evaluate issues and ideas	Topic The Catcher in the Rye by J. D. Salinger A Private Talk with Holly by Henry G. Felsen Knowledge Contextual background of the US 1950s: post-war themes; cold war; media and entertainment; American Dream; consumerism Discipline specific Style –use of symbols, teenage slang, colloquial language and 1st person's point of view Oral communication Discussion: social norms and values in different societies Oral presentations and interpretations of assigned issues Using appropriate register in formal and informal communication Discussing the topic of teen depression Making connections to the key concept in discussions Written communication Reading the whole novel with attention to detail "What" and "how" questions for close reading Answering reading comprehension and
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<b>Unit 3 – No man is an island</b> March – May	Connections	Setting	Orientation is space and time	The setting of a text and the idiom impact readers' understanding of the connections between humans and their personal histories, and epochs and historical turning points.	A i, ii, iii B i, ii, iii C i, ii, iii, iv D i, ii, iii, iv	Research skills Students research reliable sources for information to be used in the presentations on the Great Depression  Information literacy Students prepare Power Point presentations on the Great Depression  Thinking skills Students make comparisons of the economic crises in different periods  Recognize unstated assumptions  Communication skills Students learn how to express their opinion using a different register	Topic Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck, the novel and the film Knowledge Introduction to the Great Depression and the American Dream (the 1920'and the 1930s) Thematic and contextual terms: Great Depression, American Dream, Dust Bowl, migration, moral and ethical judgement, mercy killing, empathy, human dignity – class research Setting – communicating mood and atmosphere Discipline specific Setting- How does setting impact reader's understanding of the issues from the novel Structure (play-novelette) Style Compare and contrast approach Creative assignment Skills Oral communication Discussion and considering the concept of human dignity, moral reasoning and ethical judgment, as well as the importance of dreams Role-play Written communication Reading critically and for comprehension Writing for different purposes, playing with idiom Considering the influence of the setting on individuals Visual communication "Back in time" project

Unit 4 – Choice and impact  May – June	Creativity	Voice Word choice	Personal and cultural expression	Careful word choice not only enables us to create and let our voice be heard, but also facilitates out personal expression.	A i, ii, iii B i, ii, iii C i, ii, iii, iv D i, ii, iii, iv	Self-management skills Organisation – students keep a reading journal to record their thoughts and reflections  Critical thinking Close reading and considering the impact of writers' artistic choices Analysing and interpreting texts by exploring the conventions of literary craft and their impact on the reader  Transfer Combining knowledge, understanding and skills to create products or solutions based on careful consideration of word choice and applying them in the creative process  Reflection skills Answering self-reflection/self-evaluation sheet questions at the end of the unit	Content A selection of mystery short stories Agatha Christie's Poirot, film  Knowledge Discipline specific Students will use critically a number of discipline specific terms, key and related concepts. Short story as a literary genre and revision of literary genres and literary terminology Scaffolding: writing a short story (questions at the beginning, in the middle and at the end)  Skills Oral communication Analysing conventions and word choice used in the studied short stories Discussing creativity and personal expression Providing arguments for specific word choices in order to use language accurately and effectively  Written communication Reading for detail and answering reading comprehension questions Students write their own short stories  Visual communication Creating mind maps when planning their stories
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Unit 1 - Whose life is it indeed? September – November	Identity	Empathy Argument	Identities and relationships	Literature teaches us empathy and how to define and defend our identity and human dignity by means of personal affirmation and argument.	A i, ii, iii B i, ii, iii C i, ii, iii, iv D i, ii, iii, iv  Students deliver a PPT Presentation on a selected moral issue  Students write an argumentative essay in class on the topic they presented	Thinking skills Students interpret data provided in the play  Affective skills Students practice showing empathy and investing time and energy into understanding others' emotions  Research skills Students explore the topic of euthanasia Students seek a range of arguments from multiple and varied reliable sources to produce valid arguments in written and oral communication  Communication skills Students use a variety of sources to produce and deliver a PowerPoint presentation on a sensitive moral issue	Content Whose Life Is It Anyway? (a play by Brian Clark) The Intouchables, a film by Olivier Nakache and Eric Toledano  Knowledge Discipline specific Students revise and identify conventions of a play Students analyse specific information and ideas presented in both visual and written texts Written communication Reading comprehension questions Interpreting quotes End-of-unit essay Oral communication Class discussions on controversial ethical issues such as euthanasia, abortion, and freedom of choice Visual communication Role-play: acting out key scenes (empathy and argument for the trial) PowerPoint presentations

Unit 2- The pen is mightier than the sword  December - February	Communication	Message Bias	Personal and cultural expression	Nowadays it is essential that we develop skills to evaluate the message around us, and decipher different forms of communication that present personal and cultural expression, to understand whether they encourage biased positions and to judge how ethical they are.	C i, ii, iii, iv D i, ii, iii, iv	Thinking skills Students interpret information provided in the novel and on the Internet in connection with the period when the novel was created  Creative-thinking skills Students apply their pre-existing knowledge to generate ides on how to create a videoclip Students will produce original work  Communication skills Students practice their verbal skills in expressing their opinions on the theme of the novel. Students use selectively a range of discipline-specific terms such as utopian/dystopian and SF genre  Research skills Students search for reliable information on the banned books  Transfer skills Students combine knowledge, understanding and skills to create an original promotional campaign	Content The Pedestrian by R. Bradbury An excerpt from "The Book Thief" by Marcus Zusak Fahrenheit 451 by R. Bradbury (the novel and the film) Propaganda techniques Knowledge Discipline specific Terminology (utopia/dystopia, SF genre) Language used to influence our behaviour How do we detect bias? Written communication Reading and writing Answering reading comprehension questions Vocabulary extension – learning new vocabulary Drafting a promotional campaign Oral communication Class discussions on the issues of propaganda and advertisement, censorship through history Putting a book on trial – interactive oral task Visual communication PowerPoint presentations Promotional campaign task
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Unit 3 – Being different  March - April	Creativity	Purpose Stylistic choices	Fairness and development	The purpose of persuasive texts is to influence our behaviour, decisions and development by means of creative use of language and stylistic choices.	B i, ii, iii C i, ii, iii, iv D i, ii, iii, iv	Communication skills Students practice exchanging thoughts, messages, and information effectively through interaction  Critical-thinking skills Students gather and organise relevant information to formulate an argument  Organisation skills Students plan their short-term and long-term activities to meet deadlines  Creative-thinking skills Students write a convincing diary entry Students apply their existing and newly acquired knowledge to create a product related to the book	Content Don't You Dare Read This Mrs. Dunphrey by Margaret Peterson Haddix Knowledge Discipline specific Writing a diary entry Diary entry vs blog (similarities and differences) Studying stylistic choices on a number of diary entries and blogs Vocabulary connected with technology, blog, bloggers, vlogs diary entry Initial discussion on the ways in which life is not fair. Using indirect questions to be polite Written communication Reading comprehension questions Demonstrating comprehension of specific factual information and attitudes Stylistic choices that permeate writing for a specific audience Oral communication Using indirect questions to be polite Discussion on the controversial issues raised by the novel (parental neglect and child abandonment, shoplifting, sexual harassment at an after-school job) Visual communication Literature response tic-tac-toe activities - creative assignment task related to the book (designing the book cover /writing a letter to the author/ drawing a scene from the book)
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Unit 4 – Lend me your ears  May - June  Connections	inferred messages can connect with global audiences.  analysing the purpose and effect of speeches delivered on a specific occasion and examining their effect on the global level	D i, ii, iii, iv	techniques, argumentation, and inference  Communication skills Students interpret and use effectively modes of verbal and non-verbal communication Students analyse written and delivered speech samples  Social skills Students practice listening to each other and expressing their own opinion  Creative-thinking skills Students apply acquired knowledge to create original speeches	troops at Tilbury in 1588  "Friends, Romans, countrymen" speech delivered by Mark Antony in the play Julius Caesar (III.2) by William Shakespeare (1599) Abraham Lincoln's The Gettysburg Address (1863) Chief Joseph 1877 surrender speech I Have A Dream by Dr Martin Luther King, Jr. (1963) Malala Yousafzai UN Speech (2013) Barack Obama's 2008 speech on race Greta Thunberg 2019 UN Climate Action Summit Speech Knowledge Discipline specific Tenses in context Concept of target audience Written communication Reading for the general idea and for detail, as well as for inferred meaning (reading "between the lines)
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