

Welcome to the English department



In the English department, we aim to provide students with an inspirational, rigorous and personalised curriculum which develops their written and spoken literacy whilst also instilling in them a genuine love of literature.

We create a safe and stimulating learning environment, encouraging students to be independent in their learning. We teach skills which can be usefully transferred to other subjects and also life skills which empower them in future study and work.

The study of English is not only limited to texts and books but gives us all skills that are essential in order to access to the world around us. Being able to form opinions, understand political movements or ideas, having confidence to critically engage with society and listening to a diverse range of perspectives and attitudes all underpin the study of English at all stages and levels at Loxford.

All students will sit GCSE Examinations for Literature and Language with AQA (exam board)

We also offer two post-16 pathways A Level English Literature (OCR) and A Level Literature and Language combined (AQA)



Character and Voice,
Art Inspired Creative
Writing, Romeo and
Juliet, Ways of
Reading, Animal
Farm, The Natural
World (Speeches)



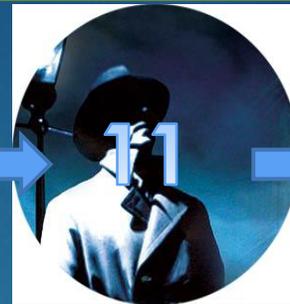
Perspectives,
Writing for
Meaning, Hamlet,
19th Century
Extracts, Lord of
the Flies, Self &
Identity



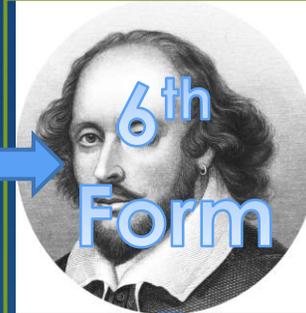
Love &
Relationships,
Gothic Creative
Writing, Villains,
Of Mice and Men,
Power and Conflict



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Telling stories,
Exploring Conflict,
The Handmaids Tale
and Modality, C19
Drama and Poetry,
Shakespeare, Dracula,
The Bloody Chamber,
The Picture of Dorian
Gray, The History
Boys, Plath and the
Virgin Suicide

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Our results

Our exam results in 2019 were as follows:

- ▶ English Language GCSE- 80% Level 9-4
- ▶ English Literature GCSE- 86% Level 9-4

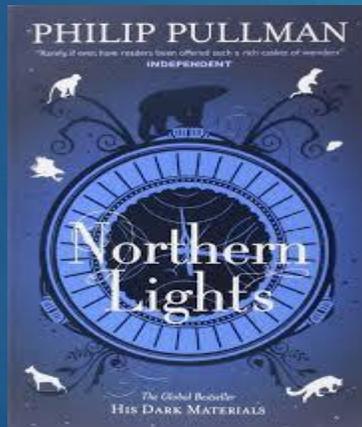
- ▶ A Level Literature- 80 A* - C grade
- ▶ A Level Literature and Language- 73 A* - C Grade

We are extremely proud of our students results and all of their hard work, each year our students achieve well above the national average in both GCSE and A Level, and many students progress to study English at University. Each year we have a growing number of students applying to prestigious Universities such as Cambridge, Oxford, UCL, Warwick and many others.

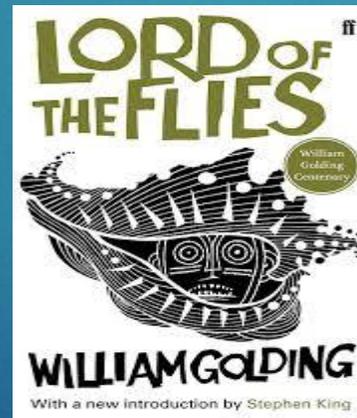
Creative writing and Reading for Pleasure

In Years 7 to 9, we introduce our students to a range of texts to help foster their love of reading and creative writing. We work hand in hand with our fantastic library to ensure every student at Loxford School has access to a wealth of reading material.

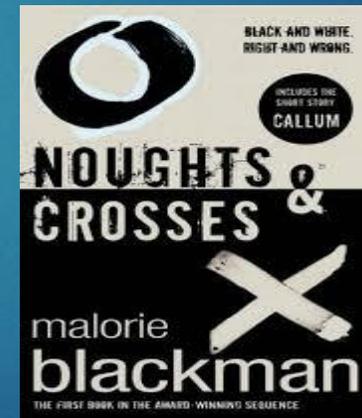
Year 7



Year 8



Year 9



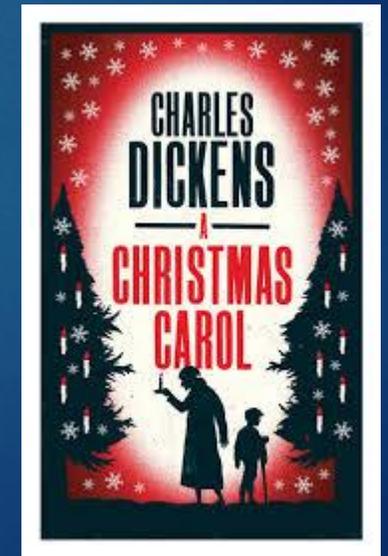
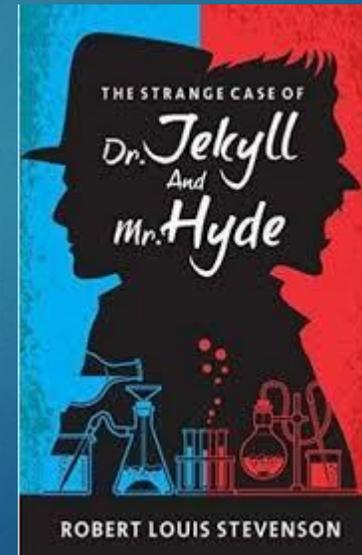
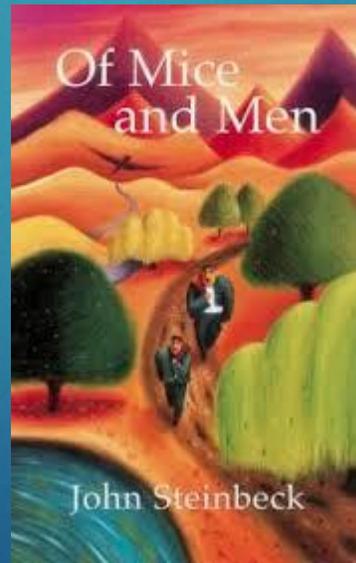
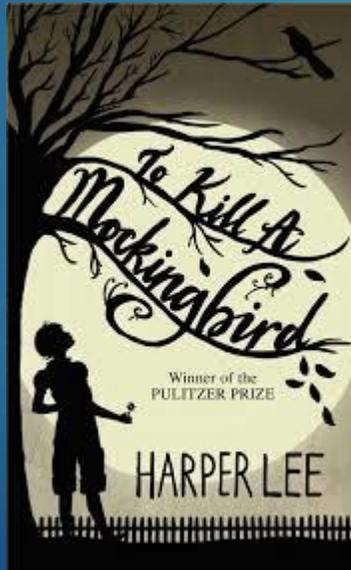
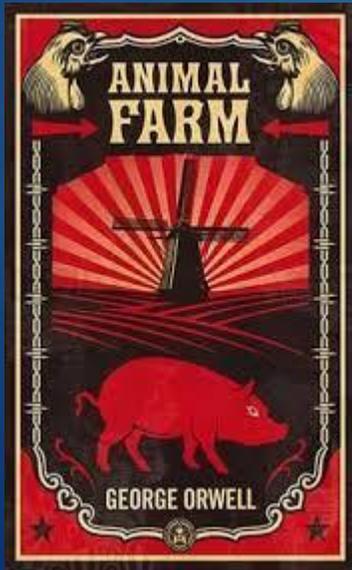
Library lessons

We believe that regular reading is an opportunity that every student deserves. In Years 7-9, students read for the first ten minutes of every lesson and classes visit the library twice every half term. The whole school engages in the 'Drop Everything And Read' initiative every Thursday afternoon where all staff and students take 20 minutes of their day to get lost in their current reading book.

Our library buzzes every lunch time and after school with students coming to return and replace much loved books and this extends into the Sixth Form where there is a well stocked reference library.

Studying the Novel

- ▶ In addition to reading for pleasure and encouraging all pupils to be confident readers who make challenging reading choices, the English department also study a range of texts with students to help them in their study of literature and to experience a range of different perspectives.



Poetry

Each year, our students have fun with poetry, by the time they reach GCSE level, our students are confident with reading, interpreting and analysing poetry. Year on year, many of our students enter creative writing competitions where they create their own poems and short stories.



Character and Voice



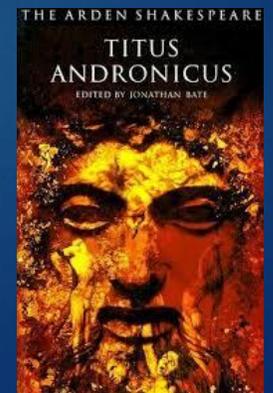
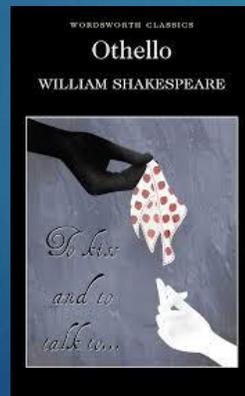
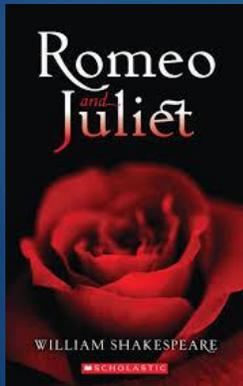
Perspectives and Cultures



Love and Relationships

Shakespeare and The Globe

- ▶ Shakespeare forms an important part of our curriculum and in addition to studying a different Shakespeare play every year, we also aim to take as many students as possible to see at least one performance at The Globe theatre.

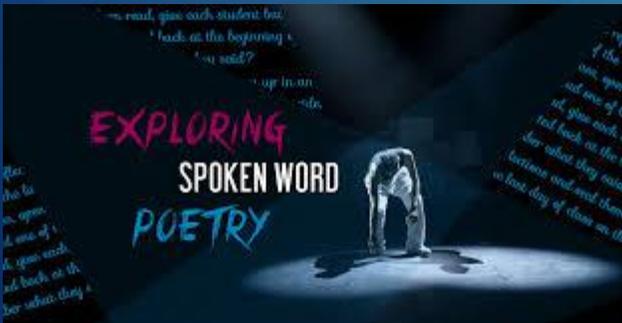


Public Speaking

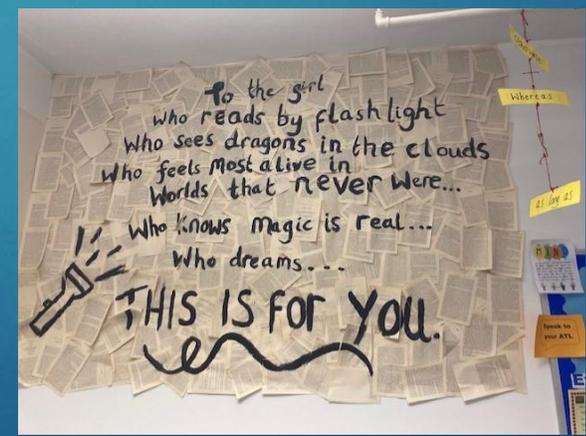
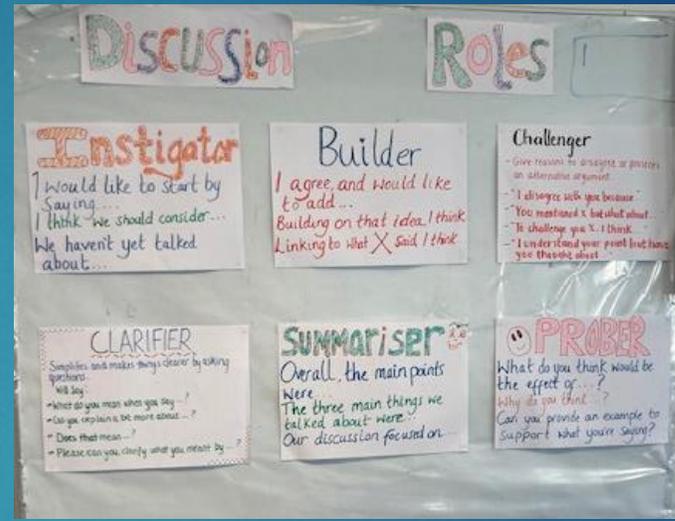
The ability to speak in an articulate and engaging way is a skill that is necessary not just in school but helps prepare students for the world outside school

Every year the English Department work with the Jack Petchey 'Speak Out Challenge' with our Year 10 students where we send our most successful speaker to the Regional Finals.

Throughout Year 7-9 speech writing and public speaking is an important part of our curriculum.



Here are some of our classroom displays!



Have a go!



<https://nationalpoetryday.co.uk/>

A big occasion in the English calendar

<https://www.wizardingworld.com/>

Complete the sorting hat quiz and send yourself to Hogwarts