



## Curriculum detail: English

In year 7, students study the Finding Your Voice unit. They complete baseline tests in reading and writing; read a novel; and examine a selection of classic and contemporary poetry and plays (including a work by Shakespeare).

Year 8 students study a writings of war unit, a Shakespeare play and a modern novel or play.

In year 9, students begin their KS4 studies. This includes an introduction to Literary Heritage texts through extracts and short stories. At the end of the year, students begin their GCSE studies with an English Literature poetry unit.

Year 10 students continue their English Literature GCSE studies until October and then begin their English Language studies. At the end of the year, students take their GCSE English Language exams.

Year 11 students complete their English Literature studies, including a Literary Heritage novel, a modern novel or play and a Shakespeare play. These are examined at the end of year 11.

Students who stay on to take A Level English Literature will study novels such as Khaled Hosseini's *A Thousand Splendid Suns* and F. Scott Fitzgerald's *The Great Gatsby*, along with a selection of work by poets such as Carol Ann Duffy and Geoffrey Chaucer, a Shakespeare play and a modern play.