HOLLAND PARK SCHOOL | 2025-2026

Continuity Curriculum

An online shadow curriculum for students temporarily out of lessons to ensure continuity of learning

Year 9 English

Week Beginning	Lesson Title	Lesson Objective	Online Lesson Link	Any additional instructions?
	Lesson 1. Introduction to Creative Writing	Can I define creative writing? Do I understand its	For each lesson: <i>Link to notes</i>	Lesson 1: Copy out the notes provided in SOURCE A
8 th September	Lesson 2. The creative writing task Lesson 3: Language and Structure	purpose and key features? Do I understand where it fits into the English curriculum as a whole and can I compare it to other kinds of writing?	Lesson 4: link to this video: Writing in first or third person guide for KS3 English students - BBC Bitesize	Lesson 2: Read through the notes provided in SOURCE D, then choose three of the exam tasks, place in a mind map and come up with 3x scenarios for
	Lesson 4: An introduction to narrative perspective	Lesson 2: What is the nature of the task when it comes to creative writing? How do you start to respond to it; what is a scenario?		each Lesson 3: Copy out these notes: Language vs. structure
	<u>Lesson 5: Understanding 1st-</u> <u>person narrative perspective</u>	Lesson 3: To understand the difference between language and structure; to understand that both are needed to develop a scenario into a full piece of creative writing		Language means the words used to create images and describe people, place and things; structure refers to the techniques we use to get the reader to engage with our language at a deeper level.

	Lesson 4: To understand what narrative perspective is and to grasp the difference between 1st and 3rd person narrative perspective Lesson 5: To understand first person narrative perspective through the Jane Eyre extract + activities (SOURCE G)	Structure is trickier to analyse as it's not as instantly obvious as the words on the page. And it's harder to create a good structure for your narrative than it is, say, to write a descriptive sentence. But if you can nail it, your story or description will become much more interesting and get many more marks. The different categories for structure: 1. Narrative perspective i. First person narrative voice ii. Third person narrative voice 2. Order of events i. Chronological order ii. Time shifts (eg flashback) 3. Change in focus
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				i. calm-chaos-calm (including building atmosphere) ii. Zooming in iii. Frame Lesson 4: use the video to make notes on the difference between the 1 st and 3 rd person perspective
				Lesson 5: carefully read the extract twice, then complete the activities that follow. Use an online dictionary to look up words you don't understand.
15 th September	Lesson 1: 3 rd -person narrative perspective Lesson 2: Writing about the differences in narrative perspective Lesson 3: Narrative perspective – consolidating my understanding	Lesson 1: To understand 3 rd - person narrative perspective through the Oliver Twist extract + activities (SOURCE H) Lesson 2: to consolidate understanding of first- and third-person perspective and the differences between them; to write about those differences, as demonstrated in the Jane Eyre and Oliver Twist extracts	For lesson 1: Link to extracts For Lesson 2: link to extracts (though students should have them already)	Lesson 2: Write a paragraph to summarise how we feel about the two characters – Jane and Oliver – in the two extracts – and how the narrative perspective shapes the way we feel. Do we feel closer to Jane because it's first person? Do we feel more sorry for Oliver because we see him through others' eyes?

Lesson 4: Order of events Lesson 5: Chronological order continued.	Lesson 3: to further consolidate students' understanding of narrative perspective through a writing activity Lesson 4: Understanding chronological order through the extract from Raising Hare (SOURCE I). Students should read the extract and work through the activities Lesson 5: The aim is for students to complete a narrative, presented in chronological order, in which they describe rescuing a wild animal. They should use the flowchart in SOURCE J to get them in terms of ideas, then		Lesson 3: Write a dairy entry in which you describe the events of your weekend or summer holiday, but instead of writing in the usual first person, write in the third person narrative perspective. Once you have finished the diary entry (it should be about 200 words long) – write three sentences to summarise what it feels like to write about yourself in the third person. What feelings does it evoke? Does it feel strange? What have you discovered?
	write at least three paragraphs of their own		Lesson 5: Once you have completed the flow chart activity, you can either write the story out as a full piece of creative writing OR you can imagine a whole new story involving discovering or rescuing a different animal.
Lesson 1: Two Turtle Doves	Lesson 1: the aim is to consolidate students' knowledge of chronological	Link to extracts:	Lesson 1: carefully read the extract in SOURCE L twice, then complete the activities

		order through the <i>Two Turtle</i>	provided. You can use an
		Doves extract and the	online dictionary to look up
22 nd September	Lesson 2: Order of events:	associated activities, students	word you don't understand
	time shifts	can also learn the new	,
		vocabulary indicated on the	
		worksheet (SOURCE L)	
			Lesson 2: Re-read the <i>Two</i>
	Lesson 3: Order of events:	Lesson 2: To understand time	Turtle Doves Extract and divide
	exploring flashback	shifts, notably flashback,	it into 5 parts, summarising
		through a writing activity	each part. Then reorder the
		based on the previous extract	·
			parts, as if you were going to
	Lesson 4: Change in focus	Lesson 3: to consolidate	tell the story in reverse order –
		students' understanding of	start with the narrator feeling
		time shifts, in particular	really scared, then flash back
		FLASHBACK, using the	to how it was more fun when
	Lesson 5: Introducing calm-	exemplar provided in SOURCE	they started off
	chaos-calm	N)	,
		Lesson 4: to understand what	
		it means when a writer shifts	Lassan a Dandtha ayamnlarin
		focus; what the purpose of this	Lesson 3: Read the exemplar in
		is when considering the effect	SOURCE N and complete the
		on the reader	activities that follow.
		Lesson 5: to introduce the	
		calm-chaos-calm structure,	
		using an exemplar + worksheet	Lesson 4: Complete the
		(SOURCE O)	following activity:
			1. Notes on focus shifts
			The focus is what the writer
			focuses on as the text
			develops. If a writer focuses on
			a gloomy landscape, it may be
			a gloomy landscape, it may be

	because something unhappy
	or unpleasant is about to
	happen. A writer shifts focus to
	our attention to different
	things, in turn creating
	contrast or surprise, tension,
	mystery, suspense, sympathy,
	and so on – all of which make
	the reader feel emotionally
	invested in the story. A poor
	narrative draws attention to
	things which are boring or
	irrelevant and quickly lose the
	reader's interest.
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	2. ACTIVITY - Read the
	text below and
	identify where:
	The writer focuses on a time sh
	The focus shifts to atmospheri
	The focus shifts to atmospheri
	Focus shifts from the landscap
	The writer focuses on the gene
	The sun was just beginning to
	rise over the valley, painting
	the sky in pink and orange. The
	surrounding hills were dotted
	with clusters of ancient oaks

wh	whose leaves rustled in the
mo	morning breeze. A river snaked
thi	hrough the bottom of the
va	alley, its water reflecting the
sky	sky above as it flowed steadily
tov	owards a distant lake.
Wi	Wildflowers of blue, yellow,
an	and white peppered its grassy
ba	oanks, adding bursts of colour
to	o the expanse of green. As the
	sun climbed higher, a faint
	mist that had lingered in the
	ow areas began to lift,
rev	evealing the rocky outcrops
	and patches of heather that
de	decorated the hillsides and
ma	making the valley glow in the
	warm light. Suddenly, a strong
	wind swept down from the
	mountains, carrying the fresh
	scent of pine and stirring the
	grasses into waves. In the
	distance, a figure appeared – a
	man carrying a worn leather
	satchel, following a path
	eading down the valley. He
	moved steadily, pausing
	occasionally to look behind
	nim. After a while, he reached
	he riverbank, where he knelt
	down and, with one last look
hir the	nim. After a whil he riverbank, w

				behind, dipped his head into the water. Now rewrite the text, incorporating the correct paragraphing.
	Lesson 1: The calm-chaos-	Lesson 1: the aim is to	Link to SOURCE VI	Lesson 1: Read and complete
	calm structure continued	review the calm-chaos- calm structure using a		the worksheet at SOURCE P
29 th September	Lesson 2: Calm-chaos-calm	further text; to be able to describe a focus shift and identify them in a text		Lesson 2: N/A
	skills practice Lesson 3: Understanding atmosphere	Lesson 2: Students should use Sources O and P to create their own story whereby a setting is disrupted by an unexpected event and then things go back to normal. They should aim to plan and write a narrative of around 400 words and should		Lesson 3: Refer back to SOURCES O and P; draw a table with two columns and in the first write all the words which help create a scary atmosphere in SOURCE O; in the second column, write all
	Lesson 4: Understanding atmosphere, continued	choose between a mountainous or seaside setting.		the words which help create a bright and blissful atmosphere in SOURCE P
	Lesson 5: SPAG interlude	Lesson 3: students consolidate their understanding of mood (atmosphere) and how it's created.		
		Lesson 4: students create a text transformation, based on SOURCE O – they should		

		rewrite the beginning of the		
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		text (up to the part where the		
		'silence is interrupted'),		
		replacing the bleak, ominous		
		atmosphere with a bright,		
		blissful one. Use words from		
		the table compiled in the		
		previous lesson.		
		Lesson 5: students to complete		
		the grammar exercises		
		provided in SOURCE VI		
	Lesson 1: text transformation	Lesson 1: students create a	Link to SOURCE Q	
	<u>Leason 1: text transformation</u>	second text transformation,	Ellik to 300kee Q	
		this time based on SOURCE P	Link to SOURCE R	
			LIIIK to SOURCE K	
6 th	Lasana Cantinuina ta fasua	– they should rewrite the		
6	Lesson 2: Continuing to focus	beginning of the text (up to the		
	on creating atmosphere	part where the character is	1:1: 60110656	
October		sunbathing peacefully on the	Link to SOURCE S	
		rock, replacing the bright,		
		blissful atmosphere with a		
	Lesson 3: Changes in focus:	bleak, ominous one. What		
	zooming in	might an eerie, overcast beach		
		look and feel like? Use words		
		from the table compiled in the		
		previous lesson to help.		
	Lesson 4: zooming in			
	continued	Lesson 2: students further		
	Continued	consolidate their ability to		
		create atmosphere in their		
		writing, using an exemplar and		
	Lagger w. Usudi. sidiis -t	corresponding activities		
	Lesson 5: Hardy extract,	(SOURCE Q)		
	<u>continued</u>	(SOUNCE Q)		
		Lesson 3: students should		
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		understand the principles of a		

Lesson 1: Creating a surprise Lesson 2: Creating a surprise part ii Lesson 3: SPAG interlude	'zooming in' structure, using the definitions provided and the extract/ activities in SOURCE R Lesson 4: students consolidate their understanding of a 'zooming in' structure using the extract and activities in SOURCE S Lesson 5: students have the opportunity to continue working on the Hardy extract and worksheet Lesson 1: students learn how to create a surprise using the zooming in technique, using SOURCE T Lesson 2: using SOURCE T as inspiration, students should describe a room in detail, then introduce an element of surprise Lesson 3: students practice their grammar using the	Link to SOURCE T Link to SOURCE VII	Lesson 2: use the postcard you wrote at the beginning of term to help you write your description of a room, as you could write about the classroom
Lessons 1 – 5 Students will be working independently on a piece of	detivities in SOOKCE vii		Make sure you have asked your teacher for the task, so you plan and write a full piece of creative writing, focusing on
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creative writing. The task will	the skills of using structural
be provided by the teacher.	techniques to create interest