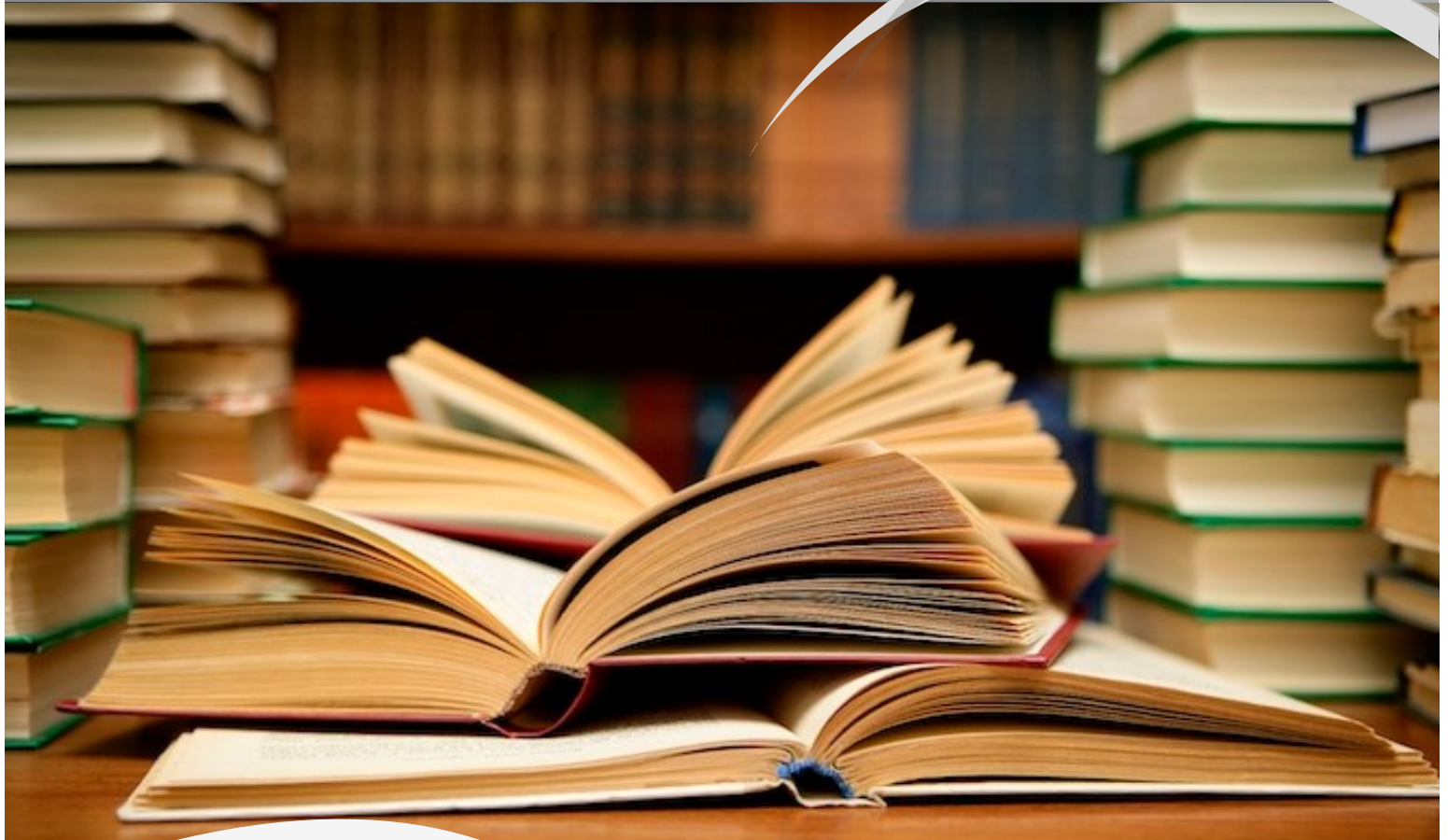


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ENGLISH

# DEPARTMENT ETHOS

## “Aspiration for All”

At its heart, English provides aspirations for all learners: it fosters intellectual curiosity, cultural awareness, and linguistic competency. Appreciation of English Literature offers students the experiences, viewpoints, and ideas to become well-rounded and critical individuals, whereas English Language offers the means by which students can become effective communicators and function successfully within society.

The English team at Great Barr Academy strive to unlock potential, to inspire a love of learning, to ignite a passion for the subject. We aim for excellence in all areas and continuously endeavour to advance our expertise. Students develop as independent, resilient and thoughtful learners, but more importantly as life-long learners that possess the self-belief and skills required to fulfil their potential.

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## List of Topics Covered

### Year 7

- **Imagined Worlds** [Sep- Dec] - focus on analysing fiction and narrative writing
- **Heroes and Villains** [Jan– Mar] - focus on Shakespeare and non-fiction writing
- **Conflict** [Apr-Jul] - focus on poetry and descriptive writing

### Year 8

- **Equality** [Sep-Dec] - focus on analysing non-fiction and Shakespeare
- **Seminal World Literature** [Jan-Mar] - focus on the study of a Literature text and creative writing
- **The Modern World** [Apr-Jul] - focus on the study of a modern drama and Dragons' Den

### KS4

#### GCSE English (AQA)

- All pupils study both English Language and Literature to GCSE
- The department enters all pupils for the AQA syllabus which is assessed with final exam, worth 100% of the students' final grades

### KS5

#### A Level English (AQA)

The department offers a range of English courses and specifications at KS5 for A-level:

- AQA English Combined is the study of language by exploring key texts and analysing language forms
- AQA English Literature is the study of key texts from the canon of English and American Literature

### KS5

#### Media Studies (AQA)

- The course involves the understanding of the impact of media products on society
- The assessment involves both practical and theoretical tasks, based on briefs set each year by the examining