



English

The Super Curriculum

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Super curricular activities are those that take your regular curriculum further. They take the subjects you study in the classroom beyond that which your teacher has taught you or what you've done for home learning. For example, you may go into more depth on something you picked up in the classroom or learn about a new topic altogether.

These activities are normally in the form of extra reading, but they can take many other forms, like watching videos online, downloading podcasts, attending lectures, visiting museums or entering academic competitions.
















Engaging in super curricular activities will help you develop a love for your favourite subject or subjects. In this booklet, there are a range of activities, suggested by your teachers. They are by no means exhaustive lists but should get you started.









We encourage you to share ideas and opportunities you come across with your teachers so that, over time, the recommended activities in this booklet can grow.

In the future, employers or universities will be interested to hear about what super curricular activities you have engaged in; they will be interested in what you have learnt and impressed by your efforts.

Super Curriculum – Year 7
















Subject: English









SC1		SC3		SC5	
	Watch an alternative version of <i>A Christmas Carol</i>		Watch the film of <i>Coraline</i> and think about how it is similar or different to the book.		Enter the BBC Radio 2 500 words writing competition
	Take a trip to The Globe to watch a play. http://www.shakespeareglobe.com/		Join your local library - https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/libraries-and-archives/library-membership/library-membership.aspx		Visit an historic site in St Albans and write a story about it.
	Write up a school event for The Sandprint		Push for the next award in The Library Reading Challenge		Research the history of St Albans Abbey and present to your class
	Join the reading group		Join the creative writing group		Lead a starter in one of your English lessons
	Take part in the Spelling Competition		Read the original version of A Christmas Carol		Read First News and discuss an article with your teacher

	Reading task		Writing task
	Listening task		Watching task
	Research task		Trip or visit
	Creative task		Student led task
















Super Curriculum – Year 8









Subject: English

SC1		SC3		SC5	
	Read a newspaper article every week		Research George Orwell, including other books he wrote and why		Enter the Radio 2 500 words writing competition
	Watch an alternative production of <i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i>		Take a trip to The Globe to watch a play. http://www.shakespearesglobe.com/		Learn a poem by heart - https://www.poetryfoundation.org/
	Join the reading group		Join the creative writing group		Create a podcast on your favourite book
	Watch the film adaptation of <i>Animal Farm</i> and write a summary of how it is different to the book		Write a poem (or more) and share it with your English teacher (and maybe even your class!)		Write an article for The Sandprint
	Create a leaflet for Open Evening about your experiences of English at Sandringham		Design a display for a text you have studied this year for D Block		Visit Baker Street and write the start to your own detective story

	Reading task		Writing task
	Listening task		Watching task
	Research task		Trip or visit
	Creative task		Student led task
















Super Curriculum – Year 9
Subject: English









SC1		SC3		SC5	
	Visit The Treasures of The British Library (accompanied by an adult) https://www.bl.uk/		Watch <i>Much Ado About Nothing</i> on Digital Theatre		Visit The Imperial War Museum to contextualise the poetry you have read in class
	Research war poets in more detail, reading poetry from different wars - https://www.poetryfoundation.org/		Read critical responses to <i>Of Mice and Men</i> (see Steinbeck folder in the library)		Take part in a debate on an issue that is important to you.
	Read <i>Grapes of Wrath</i> by John Steinbeck		Read a gothic novel and think about how it compares to the extracts you have studied in class.		Create a scrapbook of poetry you have enjoyed/find interesting
	Visit a POI (place of interest) in St Albans and write a description of it.		Enter the essay writing competition		Read <i>Great Expectations</i> by Charles Dickens
	Create a podcast on one of the topics you have studied this year		Write an article for The Sandprint on E-Week		Start reading broadsheet newspapers and discuss articles with your teacher

	Reading task		Writing task
	Listening task		Watching task
	Research task		Trip or visit
	Creative task		Student led task

Super Curriculum – Year 10
















Subject: English









SC1		SC3		SC5	
	Access articles on texts you have read in E-mag and The Literature Review magazines in the library		Read <i>Robinson Crusoe</i> by Robert Louis Stevenson		Research murder mystery plays – when were they popular, who wrote the most, what were typical themes
	Watch different versions of An Inspector Calls and think about how they are different/how they are similar		Read <i>The Lord of the Flies</i> and think about how it fits in with post-war literature (like An Inspector Calls)		Read articles from a broadsheet newspaper each week
	Write a blog on an issue or subject important to you		Research the history of St Albans and write up what you find for The Sandprint		Start a book group with a group of friends
	Watch a variety plays (amateur or professional) and keep a 'diary' of what you saw and what you thought of it – you could write regular reviews of local shows for The Sandprint		Find an author you really enjoy and read their books – speak to your English teacher or the librarians for suggestions!		Find a poet you really enjoy a read a collection of their work – speak to your English teacher or the librarians for suggestions!
	If you have a question about one of the books/poems you've read, contact the writer via Twitter, their website or by letter.		Visit one of the places suggested on this site such as Roald Dahl's house in Buckinghamshire or Sherlock Holmes museum in London - https://www.visitengland.com/things-to-do/literary-inspired-weekend		Take a walk around Hitchin and write creatively about – stories and descriptions of what you see.

	Reading task		Writing task
	Listening task		Watching task
	Research task		Trip or visit
	Creative task		Student led task

Super Curriculum – Year 11

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SC1		SC3		SC5	
	Read and study the Power and Conflict poetry cluster in the AQA anthology		Read <i>Frankenstein</i> by Mary Shelley		Research the gothic genre – its beginnings, how it has developed, what it is occupied with.
	Watch different versions of Macbeth on Digital Theatre		Watch other Shakespearean tragedies on Digital Theatre		Read articles from a broadsheet newspaper each week
	Write an article on an issue important to you either for The Sandprint or send it in to your local newspaper		Write an article for E-Mag		Start a book group with a group of friends
	Watch a variety of productions – amateur and professional – of set texts: <i>An Inspector Calls</i> , <i>Macbeth</i> , <i>Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde</i>		Read additional critical responses to set texts		Read additional literature with thematic and contextual links to set texts
	Start up a writing club/student magazine		Start-up/support a KS3 reading group		Listen to TED talks on literature

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	Research task		Trip or visit
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