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- An Inspector Calls explores ideas of equality in terms of who can vote and who has a voice and how society was in the past divided by inequality and who held power.

Tolerance

- An Inspector Calls, Of Mice and Men, A Christmas Carol and Romeo and Juliet, all have as important the theme of tolerance at their heart. It is the favourite theme of every great writer and any text studied in English will make reference to and explore our attitudes to “the other” and how we learn from others.
- Modern poetry covers a wide range of poets with very different viewpoints and backgrounds but they are all British and look at the nature of our society today.
- Discussion and debating encourages students to consider and take on board the views of others.

English

The Rule of Law

- An Inspector Calls considers the difference between criminal acts and immoral acts and how far the rule of law extends.
- Romeo and Juliet explores the relationship between acts of revenge, taking the law into our own hands.

Individual Liberty

- All the literary texts we study look closely at the choices individuals make and the freedom that they have to act. Often these choices are moral, as in An Inspector Calls. Sometimes they are dilemmas within the constraints of a system, like Romeo and Juliet. They all explore the highest hopes of an individual, as well as the depths that humans can sink to through rash judgements and poor choices or being at odds with a regime.
- Literature obviously helps us to develop, explore, and express personal thoughts, beliefs, opinions and feelings. It is about our deepest hopes and fears.
- All bar one text we study is part of the literary heritage of Britain, from Shakespeare to modern poets like Simon Armitage, and the study of English explores the diversity and richness of these texts, as well as considering the ideas of the society at the time and the philosophical and artistic movements that inspired them.

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