



English at Clifford Holroyde

Overview

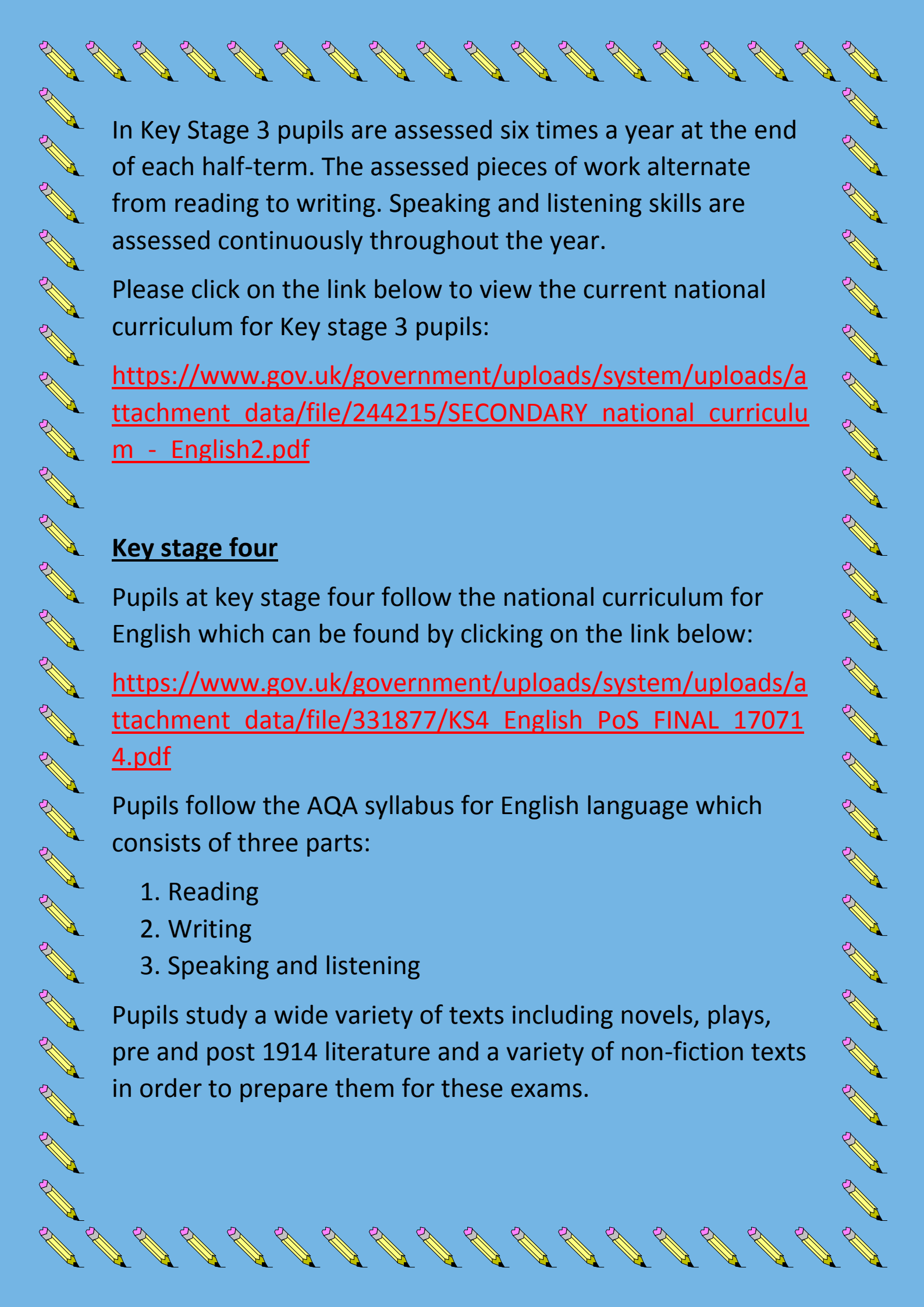
At Clifford Holroyde pupils at both Key stage three and four have four periods of English per week. All pupils follow the National Curriculum for English. Key stage four pupils follow the AQA syllabus for English Language.

All pupils at Key Stage 4 have the opportunity to complete Functional Skills Levels 1 and 2 in English. Some pupils in Year 9 are also offered this opportunity. Pupils also have the option to complete AQA Unit Awards as an alternative to the more traditional GCSE route.

Key stage three

At Key stage three pupils study a wide range of texts including:

1. Two Shakespeare plays
2. A pre and post 1914 novel
3. Modern poetry
4. War poetry
5. Non –fiction texts – newspapers, letters, leaflets, etc.
6. Media – film



In Key Stage 3 pupils are assessed six times a year at the end of each half-term. The assessed pieces of work alternate from reading to writing. Speaking and listening skills are assessed continuously throughout the year.

Please click on the link below to view the current national curriculum for Key stage 3 pupils:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/244215/SECONDARY_national_curriculum - English2.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/244215/SECONDARY_national_curriculum_-_English2.pdf)

Key stage four

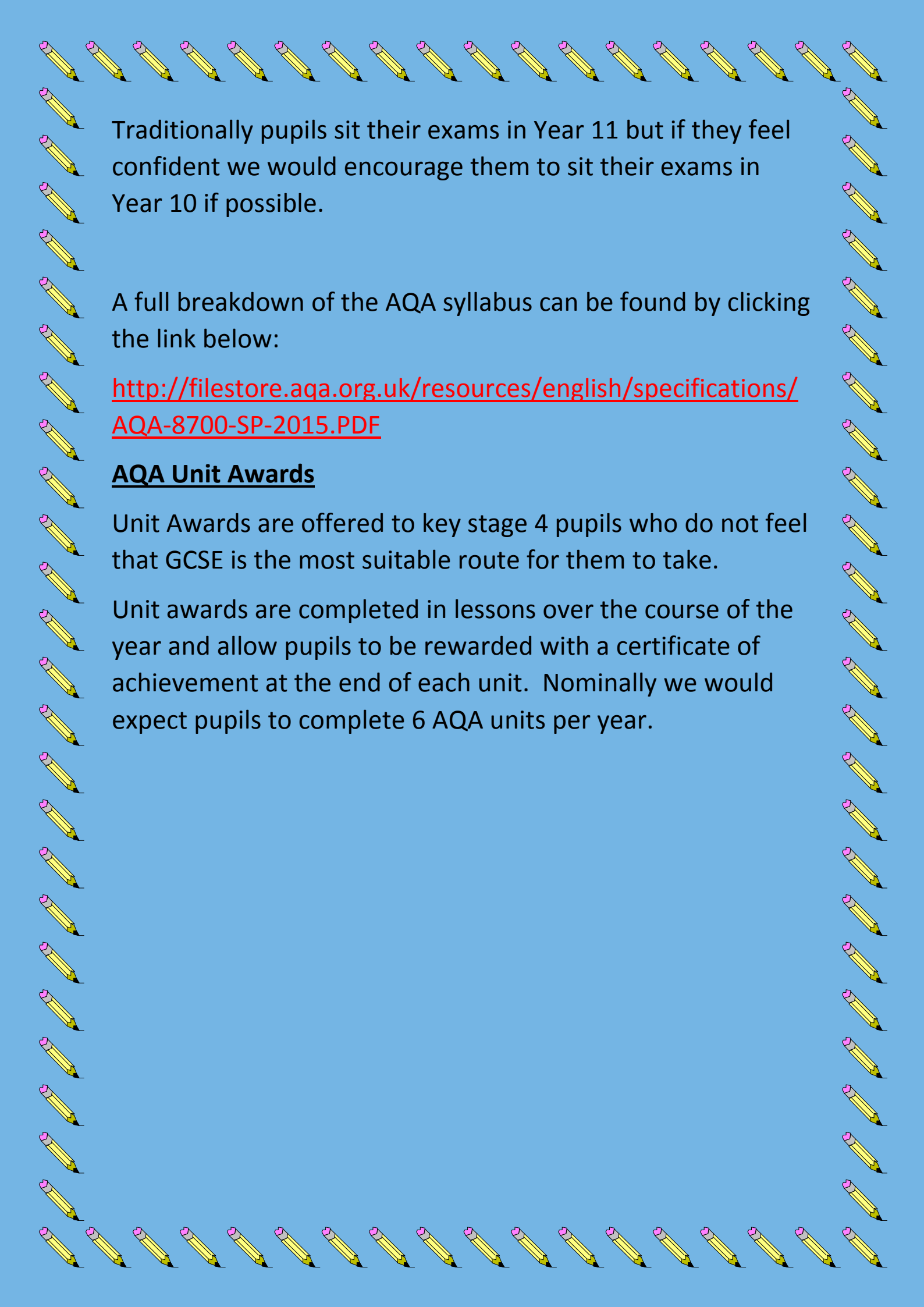
Pupils at key stage four follow the national curriculum for English which can be found by clicking on the link below:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/331877/KS4_English_PoS_FINAL_170714.pdf

Pupils follow the AQA syllabus for English language which consists of three parts:

1. Reading
2. Writing
3. Speaking and listening

Pupils study a wide variety of texts including novels, plays, pre and post 1914 literature and a variety of non-fiction texts in order to prepare them for these exams.



Traditionally pupils sit their exams in Year 11 but if they feel confident we would encourage them to sit their exams in Year 10 if possible.

A full breakdown of the AQA syllabus can be found by clicking the link below:

<http://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/english/specifications/AQA-8700-SP-2015.PDF>

AQA Unit Awards

Unit Awards are offered to key stage 4 pupils who do not feel that GCSE is the most suitable route for them to take.

Unit awards are completed in lessons over the course of the year and allow pupils to be rewarded with a certificate of achievement at the end of each unit. Nominally we would expect pupils to complete 6 AQA units per year.