

| English at a Glance | |
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| Head of Department | Mrs H Porrino |
| Lessons per fortnight | 6 |
| Homework per fortnight | 90 mins |

Year 8 English

1. Course & Subject Information

The Key Stage 3 curriculum in Year 8 builds on prior learning from Year 7 and increases progression as students prepare for study in Year 9. We explore key literature and skills of analysis needed for GCSE study. 'Reading for Pleasure' is developed through texts of increasing complexity and challenge with students being encouraged to become critical and analytical readers of meaning. Students are inspired to write in many different forms improving awareness of audience, purpose and form in the texts types they encounter. Units of study are designed to prepare students for the demands and content of KS4; we strive to ensure our students succeed.

2. Course/Subject Structure

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| Term 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Literary Shorts – Pre-1914 texts, seminal world literature, modern British Writing Character, Structure and key features of short stories, plot, relationships Creative Writing Poetry – Its role in helping us to understand the impact of war Language, analysis and interpretation Reading For Pleasure Core Skills, accuracy, grammar, handwriting Original creative writing, analysing writing styles. |
| Term 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modern Novel: An opportunity to study a contemporary text, focused on characterisation, analysis, form and structure.. Literary Heritage: Science Fiction Media –Non-Fiction: news reports, advertising Reading for Pleasure Core Skills, accuracy, grammar, handwriting Core Skills, accuracy, grammar, handwriting |
| Term 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shakespeare: Opportunities to study The Bard and analyse Shakespearean language and the author's craft. This is an opportunity for Drama-based learning, historical research and Elizabethan times. Literary Shorts – Pre-1914 texts, seminal world literature, modern British Writing Reading for Pleasure Core Skills, accuracy, grammar, handwriting Public Speaking Competition |

3. Recommended texts or websites to support home learning

Englishbiz Revision www.englishbiz.co.uk
 BBC Bitesize Revision www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize
www.educationquizzes.com

4. Specialist Equipment/Materials Required if applicable

N/A