



### Department: English

**Overview: We will be on a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts across the KS3 which are linked to GCSE skills and the AQA specification at GCSE English Language and Literature.**

In Years 7 and 8 pupils are taught stimulating and exciting topics which include Frankenstein – an abridged play version, A Monster's Calls-focussed on language, The Man with the Yellow face – a short story, Non Fiction writing, Elements of Shakespeare, Non-Fiction Texts – Writers' viewpoints and perspectives, Lamb to the Slaughter and The Monkey's Paw – short stories A Christmas Carol, Non-Fiction texts/Media: Magazine, Shakespeare: Romeo and Juliet, Non-Fiction Texts – Writers' viewpoints and perspectives. Year 9 pupils will start working more specifically towards their GCSE English course as well as studying a variety of literary texts which include Poetry – Love and Relationships, Non-Fiction texts, Of Mice and Men, An Inspector Calls and Macbeth. In addition to the curriculum outlined, pupils will make regular use of the library and will further develop their key skills of reading, writing, speaking and listening. In Y10 pupils continue their preparation for their GCSE exam studying both Language and Literature including the following units: Language Paper 1 – Fiction – reading and writing, Literature Paper: Macbeth and A Christmas Carol, Language Paper 2 – Non-Fiction – reading and writing. In Year 11 pupils complete the study of their GCSE course studying Literature Paper 2: An Inspector Calls and Poetry-Love and Relationships, while they are revising for Language Paper 1&2 and Literature Paper 1. Pupils will sit regular mock exams in order to ensure they are fully prepared for the rigors of the new GCSE.

### **Assessment**

Pupils are assessed every half term via end of topic test for each unit. End of topics tests will be carried out using a variety of different tests which assess them on all aspects of the English Language as well as analysis of literary texts.

Assessment takes place part way through and at the end of each half term. Assessments may feature content previously covered within each key stage to prepare them for the new linear examinations. All year groups take key examinations or public examinations towards the end of an academic year.

### **Grouping & Setting**

In Year 7, pupils are placed into groups based on their progress assessed throughout the year and on end of year tests. In Years 8-11 pupils are taught in sets. These sets are reviewed each half term after end of unit tests. Teaching and learning is differentiated, in both lessons and homework to help all pupils reach the full potential. Intervention groups are available for all pupils, G&T or those not achieving their target grades in order to maximise their performance in examinations.

### **Support/ Revision/ Extra Curricular and Useful Websites**

- Revision classes are held at key points in the year.
  - Public Speaking competition
  - Poetry competition
  - BBC Bitesize - English Language
  - BBC Bitesize – English Literature
  - Memrise
  - Mayor's award for Writing
- Theatre Trips  
Public Speaking competition