

ENGLISH

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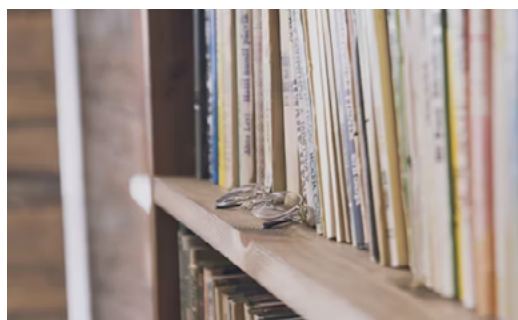


Curriculum Overview

The overarching aim for Year 8 explores texts around the theme of; 'Love and Tragedy'. Students will begin Year 8 by studying a range of 19th Century texts with the aim of producing their own piece of descriptive writing for assessment. The following unit will build on the introduction of extracts from Shakespeare in Year 7, to the whole text study of 'Romeo and Juliet' with an analytical essay for the final assessment. The subsequent unit focus is the novel and classes will have a choice from a number of contemporary novels to read and study in class such as: 'Boy 87' and 'My Sister Lives on the Mantelpiece' with a range of analytical and writing assessments based on extracts and themes from the text. This unit is following by the study of Romance and The Romantics in poetry and explores the theme of love and heart break in texts ranging from Chaucer and Shakespeare to Duffy and Auden. The final unit focuses on Non-Fiction writing styles and incorporates themes associated with the Isle of Wight festival where students can write a review of a live performance as well as complement their analytical skills by evaluating and producing their own multi-media texts and designs for their own festival.

Curriculum Topics

Awaiting content.



When and how assessment of learning will happen

Formal assessments will be completed in class and there will be one formal assessment per unit of work with a balance of analytical essays and writing tasks reflecting a number of text types and purposes. There may be additional assessments set based on the teacher's discretion and the needs of the class.



Home Learning Expectations

Students will have spellings twice a month and weekly reading comprehension and vocabulary building homework via the Bedrock platform. There will also be access to wider reading lists and support and extension tasks linked to each unit of study. Further wider reading, as well as materials designed to support or extend the learning in lessons can be found on Google Classroom.



Useful Information

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z3kw2hv>
- <https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/category/secondary-ks3-ks4-reading-lists/>
- <https://blackwells.co.uk/bookshop/collection/100%20books%20to%20read%20before%20you%20leave%20secondary%20school/-186494>