

## Year 8 – English Reading and Writing

### Summary of curriculum

English at Year 8 supports students in developing their reading and writing through engaging with a wide range of texts from a variety of genres. Building on substantive and disciplinary skills acquired in Year 7, the scheme is designed to prepare students for their Year 9 curriculum and develop their enjoyment of reading, writing and literary exploration. The scheme, which covers fiction, poetry, narrative and non-narrative texts, builds students' confidence in responding to texts and producing their own. Through engagement with a variety of texts, students are challenged to develop their skills of inference, analysis, comparison and evaluation, which are not only crucial for academic success, but will help students on the path to becoming well-informed and critically minded citizens.

### Main topics/skills

- **Autumn 1 – Novel Study** 'Heroes' by Robert Cormier
- **Autumn 2 – Transactional Writing** Voices that Changed the World
- **Spring 1 – Non-Fiction** Moments that Shook the World
- **Spring 2 – Shakespeare Study** Romeo and Juliet
- **Summer 1 – Poetry Study** Romantic poetry
- **Summer 2 – Creative Writing** Dickens' Descriptions

### Assessment throughout the year

Students complete a summative assessment once every term assessing reading and writing skills. This information is then used to adapt teaching and learning to address gaps in knowledge. Students also complete a formative assessment once every half term allowing us to assess progress and how well gaps have been addressed. Students will complete detailed deep feedback on these assessments.

### How parents can support their child's learning from home.

- Encourage your child to read.
- Encourage your child to write creatively.
- Ask your child about what they have been doing in English and what they are learning.
- Research commonly misspelled words and test your child.
- Watch digital adaptations of the texts your child studies in English.

<b>Stretch &amp; Challenge opportunities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Students are encouraged to take part in external competitions throughout the year.</li><li>- Students engage with literary theory and academic reading to enhance their understanding of texts.</li></ul>
<b>Useful websites</b>	<a href="#">KS3 English - BBC Bitesize</a>