

**Overview**

Year 9 students will develop their reading, writing and public speaking skills. We will build the skills they need to prepare them for the demands of English Language and English Literature at GCSE level.

We believe it is important to maintain a diverse range of text for our students that will deepen their knowledge and experience of English and develop their cultural capital. Throughout the year students will continue to build their best work portfolio.

Year 9 English

Term 3

Conflict Poetry and Macbeth

Language

In this final half term, we will begin to study some of the texts the students will continue with for their GCSEs. Students will look at the poetic devices used in the text, they will evaluate the effectiveness of these devices on different audiences.

Literature

We will focus on developing the students' confidence when reading a range of literature texts. The students will be encouraged to investigate the texts independently through class and group discussion. It is important that they learn to value their own opinions and ideas and how to deploy these in their own analysis of texts.

Term 1

The elements of a story and Non-fiction writing for sports

Language

We focus on the writer's craft for both fiction and non-fiction texts. We explore high quality writing in these forms and analyse the language and structural techniques that are used by professional writers. The students apply the skills learnt in their own creative pieces.

Literature

Students delve into a range of short stories from writers such as Roald Dahl, W.W Jacobs, Michelle Roberts, Guy de Maupassant and others. In the non-fiction world they will investigate autobiographies, reports, persuasive pieces and argument pieces all from the world of sport.

Term 2

'Of Mice and Men', 'Our Day Out' and Spoken Language

Language

The students focus on this classic American novel set in the Great Depression of the 1920s. With this text, the students begin to explore how Steinbeck expertly crafts the novella to explore the themes and issues of the time. The beauty of this novel, allows us to introduce the analytical skills needed for English at GCSE level.

Literature

The harsh world of the Great Depression in America, at this time, shows us the terrible effects of poverty, discrimination and bullying. Students will explore the issues, themes and how the characters react to the harsh conditions of the society at that time. Students will also look at the impact of social deprivation in the play 'Our Day Out'

Spoken Language

We will study and explore the skill of public speaking and how to present our ideas to an audience effectively. This will cumulate in the students writing and presenting an individual class speech.