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TO
THE
ENGLISH
DEPT.

Year 9 English Curriculum

In Year 9 you will study a variety of topics including: traditional and modern poetry, a modern novel, as well as Shakespeare and Gothic fiction.

You will be working towards being able to complete the following **activities**:

- *Write an article on why Shakespeare is still so popular*
- *Compare two poems from an anthology.*
- *Answer an extract based question on Of Mice and Men*
- *Write a letter to a newspaper based on Journey's End*
- *Take part in a formal class debate*

You will explore the following **key vocabulary**:
Context, antithesis, argument, protagonist, emotive language, enjambment, iambic/trochaic, trimeter/tetrameter/pentameter/hexameter/heptameter, hyperbole, jargon, lexis, pathos, symbolism, verisimilitude

You will also come across **drama** in KS3. During the year you may be asked to:
- Play a role in a devised piece
- Play a role in an improvised piece
- Complete a hot seating task
- Give a presentation to the class
- Take part in a class debate

You will practise the following **writing formats** throughout the year:
- Letters   - Emails
- Articles   - Blogs
- Creative writing - Posters
- Diaries   - Leaflets
- Speeches

Use the checklist below to ensure that your answers in English are successful:

1. Show detailed knowledge of texts
2. Use a range of sentence types for effect
3. Give evidence to support your points
4. Integrate your quotations
5. Spell words correctly
6. Reflect on context when considering texts
7. Use a clear structure
8. Recognise different opinions
9. Link ideas together – draw similarities / comparisons
10. Link back to the question
11. Use a wide range of vocabulary
12. Use a full range of punctuation

Your teacher may refer to these to help you to improve your work

You will be assessed through a combination of extended writing pieces and GCSE-style tests

Your teacher will assess your work in one of the following areas:
(a) Reading
(b) Writing
(c) Speaking and Listening