



Year 8 English Curriculum

In Year 8 you will study a variety of topics including: a modern novel, a Shakespeare play, a modern play as well as the ballad form through the ages.

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

- *Write a dramatic monologue*
- *Analyse ballads and explore different contexts*
- *Analyse characterisation and relationships in 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'*
- *Write an article linked to the themes and content of a modern novel.*
- *Write a persuasive speech.*

You will explore the following **key vocabulary**:

dual narrative, refugee, empathy/empathise, perspective, culture, regional words, patriarchal society, courtship, soliloquy, sub plot. woo, mortal/immortal, dramatic tension, dramatic irony, stanza, refrain, foreshadowing, sense of foreboding, atmosphere/atmospheric, sensational, ominous, branding/re-branding, presentational devices, language devices, target audience, focus group.

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:

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| - 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, reading activities and oral activities.

Your teacher will assess your work in the following areas:

- Reading
- Writing
- Speaking and Listening