



## 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 19th century 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.*
- *Present a speech based on the themes of the modern novel*
- *Write a short story*
- *Write a persuasive letter*

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

Soliloquy, deception, chastity, slander, reputation, opinion piece, hyperbole, tone, dystopian, surveillance, oracy, theme, structure, persona, enjambment, caesura, connotations/connotes, ambiguity/ambiguous, extended metaphor, layers of meaning, semantic field, imagery, representation, ethical, authentic/authenticity, nostalgia/nostalgic, idyllic, cinematography, sound, lighting, editing.

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 spoken activities.

Your teacher will assess your work in one of the following areas:

- Reading
- Writing
- Speaking and Listening