



Subject: English

Lead Teacher: Mr D. Postle

Year: 8

Curriculum organisation
 Students are taught in form groups of 28 students for three lessons per week.

What topics will your daughter be studying this year?			How will your daughter be learning?
Autumn Term <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-fiction reading. • Writing to express a viewpoint. • Presentation skills. • <i>A Christmas Carol</i> by Charles Dickens. 	Spring Term <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Myths and legends. • The Gothic. • <i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i> by William Shakespeare. 	Summer Term <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speculative Fiction. • Poetry through the Ages. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whole class discussion. • Pair work. • Group work. • Extended writing tasks. • Planning exercises. • Individual and group presentations. • Exploring exemplar material.

Equipment needed for lessons	What can you do to support your daughter?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard school stationery. • Current reading book. • Any set texts (e.g. copies of novel or plays) that have been issued for the current unit of work. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage your child to read widely and regularly, making use of the reading lists provided and book recommendation websites such as goodreads. • Encourage your daughter to read/watch/listen to the news on a daily basis. • Watching/listening to programming on BBC 4 and BBC Radio 4/4 Extra on literature, language and the arts, such as 'Poetry Please', in order to build cultural capital.

How will learning be assessed and progress measured?	Extension & Enrichment opportunities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Half-termly progress checker responses marked using the NGHS KS3 internal mark scheme. • End of year examination. • Regular peer and self-marking. • Regular book checks using the NGHS English book check slip. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KS3 English Club (lunchtime club). • Junior Drama Club (after school club, culminating in a performance at the end of the spring term). • Theatre trips such as the Stafford Shakespeare Festival. • Regular opportunities to enter school, local and national creative writing competitions e.g. NGHS annual poetry competition, BBC 500 Words and the annual Ironbridge creative writing competition. • Opportunities to participate in the House Drama competition.

If you have any questions about this Learning Overview, please contact the named Teacher above.