

YEAR 8

ENGLISH

Curriculum Content

Girls will study *at least*:

- One modern novel
- One modern drama text
- Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'
- A selection of pre and post 20th century poetry

Knowledge, skills and understanding

Girls will study:

- Grammar and Technical Skills
- Girls will consolidate the base established in Year 7 and will add:
 1. Sentence functions
 2. Tenses
 3. Active and passive voice
 4. Genre

Speaking and Listening Skills

Girls will undertake a variety of tasks within the class context including:

- Giving individual talks
- Undertaking pair and group work during such activities as brainstorming and planning, role playing, debating and having class discussions
- Reading and performing from play scripts / poems
- Discussing character, plot, writers' ideas and methods, and, readers and audiences' interpretations

Reading Skills

Girls will develop the skills established in Year 7 by following a scheme of reading from *Skills in English 2* and a series of practice papers.

Writing Skills

Girls will work to:

- Develop an awareness of audience, form and purpose
- Continue to work on technical matters such as spelling, punctuation, sentence structure and text structure

Assessment Opportunities

- Regular homework tasks
- Core reading and writing tasks during the year
- Practice papers in reading and writing
- End of year examination