

ENGLISH YEAR 7 Curriculum Content

Boys will study at least:-

- One modern novel
- Media and non-fiction texts
- A sequence of poetry

Knowledge, Skills and Understanding:- Writing Skills

Boys will learn how to:-

- write descriptively and imaginatively;
- write a well-structured short story;
- use a range of different sentence structures and features in creative work;
- write non-fiction texts and employ rhetorical devices;
- develop facility with using imagery and verse form when writing poetry.

Reading Skills

Boys will learn how to:-

- analyse character, setting and mood in essay formats;
- analyse non-fiction texts;
- use the skills of inference and reading between the lines;
- answer 'Reading' style comprehension questions in Reading Tests;
- identify some key grammatical features in a text;
- read fiction independently and for pleasure.

Speaking and Listening Skills:-

Boys will undertake a variety of tasks within the classroom including:-

- a group drama activity;
- an individual talk;
- learning how to challenge others' viewpoints and ask searching questions.

Assessment Opportunities:-

- Regular homework tasks
- Core reading and writing tasks through the year
- Practice tests in writing and reading
- End of year examination

ENGLISH YEAR 8 Curriculum Content

Boys will study at least:-

- One modern novel
- Media and non-fiction texts
- A sequence of poetry

Knowledge, Skills and Understanding:- Writing Skills

Boys will learn how to:-

- develop their short story writing skills – especially structure;
- use a range of ways to start sentences and vary vocabulary in creative and analytical work;
- write non-fiction texts and develop use of rhetorical devices;
- develop facility with using imagery and verse form when writing poetry.

Reading Skills

Boys will learn how to:-

- trace the development of themes in a text;
- analyse how chapters and stories are structured;
- analyse and compare non-fiction texts;
- develop use of specific textual detail to support answers;
- answer 'Reading' style comprehension questions in Reading Tests;
- develop awareness of some key grammatical features in a text;
- read fiction independently and for pleasure.

Speaking and Listening Skills

Boys will undertake a variety of tasks within the classroom including:-

- a formal presentation;
- a group debate arguing over a significant topical issue;
- learning how to share ideas and problem solve through discussion.

Assessment Opportunities:-

- Regular homework tasks
- Core reading and writing tasks through the year
- Practice tests in writing and reading
- End of year examination

ENGLISH YEAR 9

Curriculum Content

Boys will study at least:-

- One modern novel
- A Shakespeare play
- Media texts and moving image

Knowledge, Skills and Understanding:-

Writing Skills

Boys will learn how to:-

- develop their short story writing skills, especially narrative voice;
- develop a range of ways to vary sentences and vary vocabulary in creative and analytical work;
- make a counter argument to a view that has been expressed.
- develop use of sophisticated rhetorical features, such as satire and humour;
- write to analyse, review and comment on film trailers and/ or media texts.

Reading Skills

Boys will learn how to:-

- analyse presentation of characters and themes within a text;
- analyse how authors create literary effects;
- analyse Shakespeare's language, characters and the way he presents ideas dramatically;
- answer the IGCSE paper in preparation for Y9 exam;
- read fiction independently and for pleasure.

Speaking and Listening Skills

Boys will undertake a variety of tasks within the classroom including:-

- drama techniques to explore texts;
- interpretations of scenes by Shakespeare;
- small group/pair format to develop power-point or similar media presentations.

Assessment Opportunities:-

- Regular homework tasks
- Core reading and writing tasks through the year

Practice tests in writing and reading
End of year examination