

KS3 English

Course outline for Key Stage 3:

In years 7, 8 and 9 students will explore a range of fiction and non-fiction texts, diving into some of Shakespeare's best-loved plays as well as being exposed to a range of texts from other countries and cultures. In lessons, students will enjoy a thematically designed curriculum; bringing texts to life through drama and debating ideas with one another. This provides an enjoyable and strong foundation for their progression into KS4. See the table below for the topics studied in each half term.

	Year 7: Myths and Legends	Year 8: Identity	Year 9: Freedom and Oppression
Autumn 1	Myths and Legends	<i>Romeo and Juliet</i> (Shakespeare play) including: - Debates - Non fiction reading and writing	<i>Of Mice and Men</i> (novel)
Autumn 2	<i>A Monster Calls</i> (novel)		<i>Othello</i> (Shakespeare play)
Spring 1	<i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i> (Shakespeare play)	<i>Noughts and Crosses</i> (novel) including: - Creative writing - Non fiction texts	<i>The Crucible</i> (modern play)
Spring 2	The Art of Rhetoric		People who changed the world (non fiction unit)
Summer 1	Mythical poetry	Diverse Voices Poetry and Non-Fiction	Relationship poetry
Summer 2	Fairy Tales Reworked		Bias and Propaganda (<i>non fiction</i>)

Assessment and feedback:

Students will complete a formal mini and main assessment each term and will receive feedback to assess their skills throughout the year in reading and writing.

How parents/carers can help:

- Encourage your child to read independently outside of the lesson (see the reading list for years 7, 8 and 9 on the website)
- Take your child to the theatre to experience live performances
- Make sure your child spends quality time on their homework

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