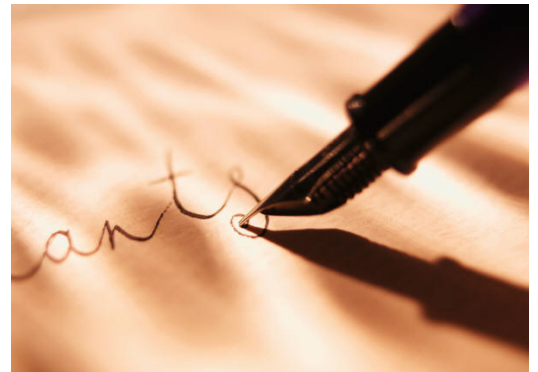
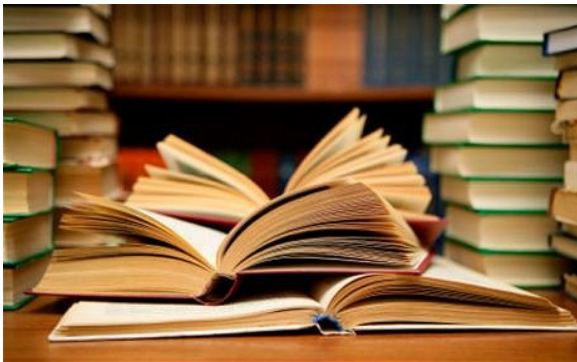


# KS3 English



## **Course Outline:**

KS3 English is split into units of work that teach reading, writing, speaking and listening skills and techniques. Each year students will study SIX units of work with a focus linked to a reading text or a writing style. Year 7 students currently study informative and descriptive writing, a contemporary novel, poetry, the history of the English language, a contemporary play script and a Shakespeare play. Year 8 students currently study gothic fiction, creative writing, a Shakespeare text, persuasive writing, a contemporary novel and poetry. Year 9 students study public speaking, crime fiction, media, poetry, autobiographical writing and a contemporary novel.



## **Assessment:**

Students are assessed using APP (Assessing Pupil Progress) criteria. This helps every student target the specific areas of reading, writing, speaking and listening needed for improvements as they move throughout each course. Each unit of work follows a learning journey including teacher assessment, peer assessment and self assessment pieces of work. Each unit culminates in a summative assessment piece where a National Curriculum level is awarded for the unit's reading and writing assessment focus. At the end of each academic year students are awarded an overall National Curriculum level.

## **Parents can help by:**

Asking your child what they have studied that week - what have they discovered? What did they enjoy doing? What do they want to find out more about? Parents can also support their children in their homework - asking what needs to be completed, how much is needed to be done? Etc. Parents can also promote the love of learning English outside of school - any opportunity for reading and discussing reading will help in every area!