

SPRING 2023

SUBJECT: English

Year: 8

Topic(s) to be covered:

Scheme of Learning One-

'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas' by John Boyne

Students will first learn about the events and history that led up to the Holocaust. Students will then study the text itself and consider ideas presented in the text. As this is a language scheme of work, students will practise and develop their analytical and evaluative skills.

Assessment focus: Reading skills. This links to GCSE English Language Paper 1 Section A: Creative Reading

Scheme of Learning Two

A Shakespearian Tragedy: Romeo and Juliet

Students will study Shakespeare's famous romantic tragedy looking at dramatic devices and the methods employed by the playwright. They will look at staging and the importance of stage directions and will analyse language and structure carefully whilst relating to the historical/social background.

Assessment focus: analysing language and structure for effect. This links to GCSE English Literature Papers 1 and 2 as well as English Language Paper 1.

Assessment Procedures

Both units will culminate in formal assessments which will be marked using the KS3 mark scheme which uses criteria from the GCSE mark scheme tailored to students at KS3.

Due to national changes the New Curriculum now begins in Year 7 and is a continuum up to the final GCSE exams.

Homework guidance

Students will be set a variety of homework tasks linked to lessons as well as spellings.

Students will be expected to spend between thirty minutes and an hour completing these tasks.

Enrichment opportunities

Debate Club

Theatre trips/ Competitions

How can you help?

Seneca is an online revision services which Lode Heath School is proud to offer students. It is proven to improve exam results, if services are used by students consistently. The sooner students start using Seneca, the better!

Encouraging your child to complete homework to a good standard is important as homework supports learning that has taken place in the classroom. Regular reading of a variety of texts is an excellent way to boost performance in English. Students will be set reading homework once a fortnight.