

## SPRING 2023

**SUBJECT: English**

**Year: 9**

**Topic(s) to be covered:**

**Scheme of Learning One**

***Gothic Poetry***

Through the engaging theme of the Gothic, students will learn about the language, form, structure and message of a range of poems. They will develop their understanding of the effect of writers' methods as well as considering contextual factors about each poem. The English Department will provide every student with their own copy of the poetry anthology in order to create their own annotations and enable them to develop their own personal responses to these poems.

**Assessment focus:** a comparison of two poems studied. This links to English Literature Paper 2.

**Scheme of Learning Two**

***Gothic Writing***

Students will get a change to get creative as they further explore the gothic genre! Linking to their recent study of Gothic poetry, students will explore gothic fiction from across the ages. Furthermore, during this unit students will also develop their literacy skills. These will be further embedded with a strong focus placed on using sophisticated vocabulary, correct spelling, a wide range of punctuation and correct grammar. Skills needed across the curriculum will be developed ensuring students are supported in all subjects and not just English Language.

**Assessment focus:** creative writing. This links to GCSE English Literature Paper 1

**Assessment Procedures**

Both units will culminate in formal assessments which will be marked using the new GCSE mark scheme. Due to national changes the New Curriculum now begins in Year 7 and is a continuum up to the final GCSE exams. National Curriculum grades will now be reported as new GCSE Levels 1-9.

**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

Competitions/ School trips/ Guest Visitors

**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.