

## AUTUMN TERM 2023

**Subject: English**

**Year: 9**

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

**Students will cover one Scheme of Learning over the first term. Both address GCSE English Language and Literature criteria as students will be sitting two English GCSEs at the end of Year 11.**

#### **The Lord of the Flies**

Students will explore the iconic text by William Golding. Students will explore the world in which the characters find themselves in as well as evaluate the society that they create for themselves. Students will also learn about the ideas and context that informs the novel. This module encourages to explore the ideas of the writer and create their own analytical responses to the text.

#### **Viewpoints and Perspectives: Writing**

Students will study a wide variety of non-fiction texts by writers including Bill Bryson and Emma Watson. In order to prepare students for the vigour of the new curriculum they will develop their inference skills, explore how writers use language and structure to achieve effects and influence readers as well as compare writer's ideas and perspectives through critical evaluation. The skills they learn through studying these texts, will then be applied when creating their own pieces of transactional writing.

### **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 covered during the scheme of work. Students will be expected to spend twenty minutes completing these tasks. Assignments will be set on Teams and details shared with students in lessons. Students will be given a week to complete longer tasks. Students are also expected to complete 20 minutes of independent reading.

### **Enrichment opportunities:**

Debate Club

Competitions

School trips/ Guest Visitors

### **How can you help?**

Encouraging students to complete homework to a good standard is important as homework supports learning that has taken place in the classroom. Students will be able to show you their homework assignments and teacher feedback on Teams.

Regular reading of a variety of texts is an excellent way to boost performance in English. Reading with students at home and discussing texts with them is a fantastic way to build their skills. Fiction or non-fiction texts of any length will all support their development.