

# English Literature and Language

## Year 11

This is what it's all been leading up to. We won't be teaching you any new topics this year, it is all about reinforcing everything you already know and enhancing your exam techniques. Your teachers will have extremely high expectations of you this year, so make sure you do your best to meet them. We will be regularly responding to work that you're producing and continually telling you how to improve it and make it even better. Don't take criticism personally, instead keep using it as a tool to push your grades higher. Ongoing revision is absolutely vital this year. It's easier to keep up than catch up.

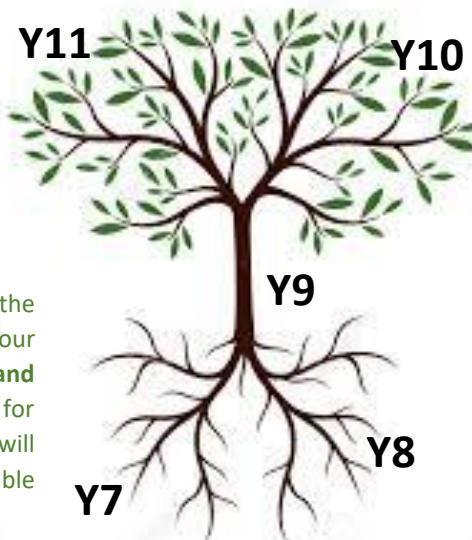
## Year 10

It's getting serious now... So, you know the stories, but this year is all about making sure that you can improve your essays by discussing the writers' methods with confidence. You will need to start making clear links across the texts and remember quotes without always looking. For your language exam, we will start to introduce you to paper 2 (non-fiction texts) – don't worry, you've already developed the skills for this over the last 3 years, now it's just time to apply it to a different type of text. It is important that you work revision into your independent study at home. This will help prepare you for the exam skills required for next year.

The texts you will study at GCSE are:

- *Macbeth*
- *A Christmas Carol*
- *An Inspector Calls*
- 'Power and Conflict' poetry
- A variety of unseen poetry

In English we believe that **Y7&8** are the years you will **grow the roots** of your learning; **Y9** will you to **build a firm and stable** understanding in preparation for your GCSE; **Y10&11** is when you will **branch** out to reach your highest possible potential.



## Year 9

This year is all about reading the texts that you will study for GCSE. Don't worry, we will help you along the way and before you know it you'll have fallen in love with some characters and learn to hate others! There will be a lot of new stories to remember this year so make sure you really pay attention as this will make the next two years so much easier for you.

## Year 7

We will test your simple reading and writing skills as soon as you arrive. This lets us know how best to help you. Then you'll read some interesting novels with your teacher while also developing your reading and writing skills further. At the end of the year we will test you again so that we can celebrate how much progress you've made!

## Year 8

We will continue really pushing your reading and writing skills further, making you an expert on language analysis while you read some more fantastic novels with your teacher. Towards the end of the year we will explore some Shakespearean literature and introduce you to the Victorians. This will be really important to prepare you for your GCSE texts.

Across these two years you will study: a range of Shakespearean sonnets, a Shakespearean play, a range of extracts from Victorian literature and a selection of the following novels (this will be down to the discretion of your teacher and which class you are in).

*Stone Cold, Boy, A Monster Calls, Of Mice and Men, Private Peaceful, War Horse, Animal Farm, The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas, Wonder, Goodnight Mr Tom, Cirque d'Freak, Kensuke's Kingdom, Harry Potter, Alice in Wonderland, Hunger Games, Noughts and Crosses, Nineteen Eighty Four.*

**Your journey starts here!**