

ENGLISH Overview Year7

Term: Autumn
Year: Y7B
Teacher: Ms Rifka Lodhi



What will we be covering this term?

1st Half Term:

A Christmas Carol - Charles Dickens. We will be learning how the social and historical context of a novel adds to the meaning. We will learn about implied meaning, symbolism, and how to analyse Dickens' presentation of key characters. We will learn how to present our ideas using evidence in an analytical written form (PETAL paragraphs).

Half Term test should be on (TBC): Writing an essay about how Dickens presents a key character.

2nd Half Term:

Gothic Fiction. We will do a series of tasks understanding the genre of gothic fiction in literature. Students will learn key writing skills such as pathetic fallacy, motifs, narrative perspective, varying the tension and descriptive writing techniques in order to write their own gothic fiction pieces.

End of Term test should be on (TBC): Creative writing task based on gothic fiction

Teacher's Marking Key:

Literacy codes - Literacy Codes are used throughout.

EBI - WWW - Even Better If and What Went Well comments after extended piece of work/marking.

How will my child be assessed this term?

There will be at least two assessed pieces this term: one at the end of half term and one at the end of term. Students will have the opportunity to write essays and creative writing tasks as framed pieces to help them prepare for the exam. Students will also have weekly spelling tests.

How can I help my child in this subject?

- Encouragement, praise, ensuring that they do their homework; check 'Show my Homework' to help your child organise their time.
- Students can read up on the social and historical context of the Victorian era on the internet. Parents can enable the 'SafeSearch' setting on their Google search engine if they wish.
- Students should read 'A Christmas Carol' at home. We will not be reading the whole novel in class, so students must supplement class analysis with reading at home.
- Their notes must be in order; discipline is essential.
- They should read a newspaper regularly. They can read online versions of daily newspapers such as the *Guardian* or visit news websites such as the BBC.
- Encourage your child to read every day. Students should aim for a wide reading diet including different genres of fiction and non-fiction texts.

Resources

. The following are just a few of the websites available for extra support:

- General English resources:
<https://www.bbc.com/education/subjects/z3kw2hv>
 - Free online books available from: www.gutenberg.org .This site has free copy of A Christmas Carol available to read online:
<https://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/46>
 - If your child is struggling with the language, they can listen to an abridged version here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b03g64q4>
 - A full audio version is available on either Spotify or Audible but these require a payment.
 - A Christmas Carol Study Guide (good for chapter summaries):
<https://www.sparknotes.com/lit/christmascarol/>
 - How to analyse characters revision guide:
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks3/english/reading/character/revision/1/>
- Gothic Fiction:
- Story writing:
http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks3/english/writing/explore_imagine_entertain/revision/5/
 - Imaginative and creative writing guide:
<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/guides/zwjyrd/revision/1>

- Ideas for story writing practice:
<http://www.universalteacher.org.uk/gcse/writing.htm>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zpp4kqt/revision/2>
- Gothic Fiction revision:
<https://sites.google.com/site/jacksrevisionwebsite/english-revision/the-gothic-genre>

Communications

Who do I contact if I have concerns about my child's progress in this subject?

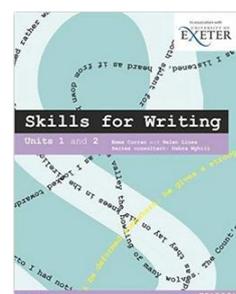
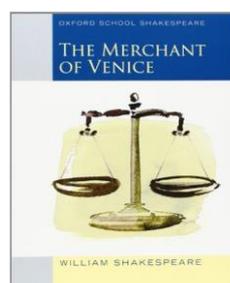
Please feel free to contact us at the school from 9.00-16.00 if you have any questions or concerns. Alternatively, email me or Head of Department:

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ENGLISH Overview

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What will we be covering this term?

1st Half Term:

We will study Shakespeare's 'The Merchant of Venice', exploring the plot, context and character presentation. We will learn how language and structure choices lead to greater meaning, with a special focus on figurative language. We will also learn the conventions of diary and letter writing.

Half Term test should be on: 'The Merchant of Venice' key scene extract: use of language and structure for effect and how characters are presented.

2nd Half Term:

'Skills for Writing, Unit 2: Writing the World'

In this unit students will learn about the conventions of non-fiction writing, with an emphasis on writing to describe and inform. They will add noun phrases, powerful verbs and prepositional phrases to their figurative language knowledge to make descriptions more detailed.

End of Term test should be on (TBC): Writing to describe and inform.

There will be an end of term exam based on what students have covered this half-term.

Teacher's Marking Key:

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How will my child be assessed this term?

There will be homework where students will be formatively assessed. In addition, there will be two summative exams: at half term and at the end of term. Students will continue to have regular spelling homework and spelling tests.

How can I help my child in this subject?

- Encouragement, praise, ensuring that they do their homework; check 'Show my Homework' to help your child organise their time.
- Encourage them to read around the subject. They could read other Shakespeare plays or read other non-fiction texts.
- Their notes must be in order. Please flick through their exercise books and praise or remind them about presentation as needed.
- Encourage your child to take part in the Word of the Week and the '16 before 16' reading challenges. Students should aim for a wide reading diet including different genres of fiction and non-fiction texts.
- Encourage writing for pleasure: give them a special book for diary writing, story writing or poetry.
- Spelling homework will be done on a weekly basis. Encourage your child to look up the meanings of any vocabulary they are unsure of.

Resources

Students can find extra resources on the internet, however, I encourage parents to supervise all internet use.

Useful websites:

- <https://www.sparknotes.com/shakespeare/merchant/>
- You can also buy a revision guide: <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Merchant-Venice-York-Notes-Gcse/dp/0582506166>
- <https://www.rsc.org.uk/the-merchant-of-venice/>
- Writing to describe:
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/education/guides/zpp4kqt/revision>
- Formal and Informal Writing:
http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks3/english/writing/formal_informal/revision/3/

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What will we be covering this term?

1st Half Term:

Poetry from Different Cultures. We will be learning to analyse the language structure and form of poems; we will explore how poets convey meaning through these methods. We will also be learning to write analytically about poetry. Students will also have the opportunity to write their own poetry.

Half Term test should be on: An essay question based on one of the poems studied.

2nd Half Term:

News: Features of media texts. We will explore the different ways news is presented and how writers make organizational and structural choices. We will examine how newspaper stories are written to appeal to their target audience. We will identify the differences between fact and opinion and deduct inferred meanings.

End of Term test should be on: Writing a newspaper article (Writing to inform/explain)

There will be an end of term exam based on what students have covered this half-term.

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How will my child be assessed this term?

There will be at least two assessed exams this term: one at the end of half term and one at the end of term. Students will have the opportunity to write essays and articles as framed tasks to help them prepare for the exam. Students will also have weekly spelling tests.

How can I help my child in this subject?

- Encouragement, praise, ensuring that they do their homework; check 'Show my Homework' to help your child organise their time.
- Students should read poetry in their spare time. They can search the Internet for notes on their poems. Most of the poems we are studying are very popular and further information will be available online.
- Their notes must be in order; discipline is essential.
- They should read a newspaper regularly. They can read online versions of daily newspapers such as the Guardian or visit news websites such as the BBC.
- Encourage your child to take part in the Word of the Week and the '16 before 16' reading challenges. Students should aim for a wide reading diet including different genres of fiction and non-fiction texts.

Resources

Students should be reading regularly. They should have access to books either online or through library membership. The following are just a few of the websites available for extra support:

- Poetry from different cultures:
<https://revisionworld.com/a2-level-level-revision/english-literature-gcse-level/poetry/poems-other-cultures-traditions>
- General English resources:
<https://www.bbc.com/education/subjects/z3kw2hv>
- Non-fiction writing resources:
<https://www.bbc.com/education/guides/z9m6tfr/revision>

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