






Curriculum Information Bramcote College

Year Group: 8

Subject: English

Objectives/purpose	The Year 8 English curriculum aims to build on year 7 by providing an increasingly challenging range of stimulating texts and topics. Literature is carefully selected to engage our students and to allow them to develop their critical skills, while fostering a love of reading. They are asked to consider whole texts in terms of character progression and themes using varied text types (short stories, a play, a novella, extracts from a novel) to allow them to appreciate the diversity and relevance of fiction. Writing skills are developed throughout the year and students are encouraged to write creatively as well as producing non-fiction; all excellent preparation for KS4!
Autumn Term 	Students read a range of short stories based around detective fiction. These include stories by Roald Dahl and Arthur Conan-Doyle. A classic piece of American literature: 'Of Mice and Men'. A novella which consistently appeals to all readers with themes that still speak to us today.
Spring Term 	Building on the themes of 'Of Mice and Men', the curriculum is brought bang up to date with studies of extracts from a contemporary Young Adult novel: 'The Hate U Give'. One of Shakespeare's most exciting and dramatic plays: 'Macbeth'.
Summer Term 	A study of spoken language and how language is used to communicate in different contexts and through different mediums. Students read and write a range of short stories, then produce reviews which are shared with a wide reading audience.
How is progress measured?	Each topic generates an assessed piece of work (reading, writing or speaking and listening) which is marked by the teacher. Self and peer assessment are used throughout the year to allow students to critically evaluate their own and others' work.
Extending Learning at home	Students will have a fortnightly reading homework, based on their library Accelerated Reading lessons. Students will have a fortnightly written homework or a 'learning' homework based on the Knowledge Organisers which we create for each topic.
Support Available 	Extra-curricular activities are available for students such as: Book club Mindfulness Homework help Online student resources from Team English to access on the M drive.
Useful web addresses and book resources/revision guides 	BBC Bitesize offers curriculum resources and support for KS3 students. The Accelerated Reader app allows parents and students to review and monitor their reading.

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