







Curriculum Information Bramcote College

Year Group: 9

Subject: English

<p>Objectives/purpose</p> 	<p>Our Year 9 curriculum is designed to continue to engage and enthuse students, while starting to prepare them for the content and assessment of GCSE learning. We study a broad range of texts including contemporary and nineteenth century fiction. A study of non-fiction travel writing introduces students to some of the key concepts of GCSE Language, while maintaining their enjoyment of both reading and writing. In Year 9, we encourage students to use their speaking and listening skills throughout the year; another useful tool to prepare them for KS4 study.</p>
<p>Autumn Term</p> 	<p>Contemporary fiction: 'Stone Cold' by Robert Swindells introduces students to writing about character, using a structured and analytical approach.</p> <p>Nineteenth Century fiction: 'Great Expectations' introduces key skills for GCSE language, while exploring some of Literature's most fascinating characters.</p>
<p>Spring Term</p> 	<p>'Globetrotting': students are introduced to the conventions of Travel Writing, while exploring different countries and cultures.</p> <p>'Voices': students write and perform their own monologue, developing their confidence in both speaking and listening.</p>
<p>Summer Term</p> 	<p>'Different Worlds': a study of a range of genres, culminating in a piece of creative writing.</p> <p>'Power and Conflict': an introduction to GCSE poetry, using some of the most engaging poems from the Anthology.</p>
<p>How is progress measured?</p>	<p>Each half term students are assessed on their reading, writing or speaking and listening skills. Teachers will assess their progress and self and peer assessment will also be used to develop critical judgements. GCSE mark schemes are used where appropriate to prepare students for future assessment at KS4.</p>
<p>Extending Learning at home</p>	<p>Students will be given weekly homework tasks. This may be a reading or writing task or a 'learning' homework based on a topic's Knowledge Organiser. We also expect Year 9 students read regularly at home, to support their fortnightly library lesson and school DEAR time.</p>
<p>Support Available</p> 	<p>Teachers are available to support with both classwork and homework.</p> <p>Book club allows students to share ideas about books and recommend good reads.</p>
<p>Useful web addresses and book resources/revision guides</p> 	<p>GCSE Bitesize offers support for both KS3 and KS4 topics.</p> <p>'Power and Conflict' Anthologies are provided and Workbooks/Revision guides are available to purchase.</p>

Date reviewed: