



PUTTING THE FUN BACK
INTO LEARNING!

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This term we will be embarking on our novel studies. As all classes in Key Stage 3 will be studying different books we have changed the layout of the curriculum guide to hopefully make it clearer for you.

Homework in the English department is, as always a very important element of our teaching. Homework is given out every lesson. If your child claims to have no written homework then be assured that they have reading (as part of their reading challenge) or review work which helps prepare for their continuous assessment. Across all year groups vocabulary is of high importance and it is essential for your children to revise their spellings and vocabulary regularly in order for them to be able to access the materials in lesson.

Grade 6:

Students will all focus on reading skills this term. They will explore reading and vocabulary in context in order to improve their vocabulary as a whole.

Students' understanding will be assessed based on an introduction to analytical paragraphs.

Students will be required to read throughout the module and keep up to date with all homework.

Grade 6 English Class	Novel
Ms Rachel (Girls), Ms Nicola (boys)	Butterfly Lion
Mr John (boys),	Wonder
Ms Rachel (girls), Ms Shahima (Boys)	The Hunger Games

Grade 7:

Students will all focus on reading skills this term. They will explore reading and vocabulary in context in order to improve their vocabulary as a whole. This will be assessed on a weekly basis.

Students understanding will be assessed based on developed analytical paragraphs which focus on the language form and structure of the novel.

Students will be required to read throughout the module and keep up to date with all homework.

Grade 7 English Class	Novel
Ms Shahima (Boys), Ms Nicola (Girls)	Roll of Thunder
Ms Nicola (Boys), Ms Shahima (Girls), Ms Lamia (Boys)	Holes

Grade 8:

This term students will begin their KS4 novel. The novels will be taught through context and writer background in order to deepen understanding.

Students' understanding will be assessed based on developed analytical essays and will focus on the language form and structure of the novel.

Students will be required to read throughout the module and keep up to date with all homework.

Grade 8 English Class	Novel
Ms Niamh (Girls), Ms Shahima (Boys)	Sherlock Holmes
Ms Nicola (Boys), Ms Nicola (Girls), Ms Lamia (Boys)	Hunger Games

Grade 9:

IGCSE Language and Literature students in Ms Rachel and Ms Niamh's classes will look at nonfiction texts from their anthology. It is required that students explore the language used and the overall message of the articles.

Students in Ms Shahima and Ms Lamia's classes sitting the ESL paper will study a journalism module and will explore report writing, writing to inform and writing to advise.

Grade 10:

IGCSE Language and Literature students in Mr John and Ms Niamh's classes will be looking at the final text for the IGCSE literature paper which is 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime'. They will focus on structure, language and form. There will also be more focus on exam papers after winter break.

Ms Rachel and Ms Lamia's ESL classes will continue with the speaking and listening examination preparations.

There will also be writing and reading support for students as and when needed.

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Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries, we will do our best to respond as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

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