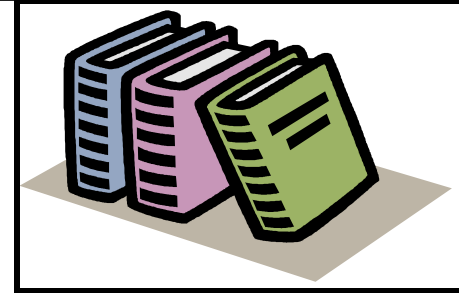


# ENGLISH - YEAR 9



## Subject Content

In Year 9 the focus is on preparation for the transition to KS4 and students study media, non-fiction, drama, creative writing, fiction, creative writing and spoken language. Skills taught are closely linked to those required at GCSE. Personal, learning and thinking skills as well as functional skills are integrated into schemes of work and develop pupils' responsibilities for their own learning and links learning to life outside the school.

## Assessment

Assessment forms an integral part of English teaching and learning. Teachers give a written comment, reflecting achievement against National Curriculum attainment levels and APP guidelines. Students are encouraged to use assessment for learning [AFL] strategies such as self and peer marking. Assessments are completed every half-term and pupils strive to achieve the standards defined in the APP assessment criteria. Formal tests take place mid-year and in the Summer Term.

## Provision for Gifted and Talented

Key Stage 3 schemes of work include tasks to challenge more able students. Activities are designed to extend vocabulary and range of sentence structures, encourage discussion in which language is explicitly modelled/explored and give opportunities for analytic rather than emphatic approaches to texts. Teachers also support and extend their creative and evaluative skills by encouraging intellectual argument.

## Homestudy

In Year 9, homestudy is set twice a week, one written and one reading task. Written homestudy may take the form of essays, reports, diary entries, recounts and textual analysis. Reading homestudy is assessed through oral and written activities in class.

## Extra Curricular activities and clubs

- Creative writing competitions
- National Poetry Day – Autumn term
- World Book Day – Spring Term
- NHS Competition
- BFI Project

## How the work in Year 9 builds on work in Year 8

In Year 9 pupils will revisit, consolidate and extend the skills that they learned in Year 7 and 8. The emphasis is on providing pupils with the skills necessary for studying GCSE English and English Literature.

## Useful Internet websites and other resources

- [www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize)
- [www.learn.co.uk](http://www.learn.co.uk)
- [www.poetrysociety.org.uk](http://www.poetrysociety.org.uk)
- [www.shakespeare.co.uk](http://www.shakespeare.co.uk)