



Subject:	English	Head of Subject:	Mr J Grundy	Year:	Eight
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Organisation of the Subject

English is taught in from groups of 28/9 pupils. The students have six lessons per fortnight.

Key Concepts (The big ideas underpinning the subject)		Key 'Learning Capacities' in this subject	
The 'Four Cs' <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Develop Confidence ➤ Encourage Creativity ➤ Develop a Cultural understanding ➤ Develop a Critical understanding 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Speaking and Listening Sp+L1: Presenting Sp+L2: Working and discussing with groups or in pairs ➤ Reading R1: Understanding texts R2: Analysing language and structure R3: Drawing comparisons between texts ➤ Writing W1: Organising texts effectively W2: Using a range of sentences and punctuation W3: Choosing vocabulary for effect, with accurate spelling 	
What will your daughter be learning?		How will your daughter be learning?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Shakespearean tragedy: <i>Romeo and Juliet</i> or <i>Macbeth</i> ➤ Non-fiction reading and writing: local myths and legends ➤ Thematic poetry study: Place ➤ Non-fiction analysis – The Titanic ➤ Communication skills ➤ Reading and writing fiction ➤ Using drama to explore role-play ➤ Literary study of class novel 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Group work - collaboration and interdependence ➤ Analysing texts - distilling and thinking rigorously ➤ Practical lessons - imagining and questioning ➤ Research using the internet and Moodle - thinking methodically and noticing with purpose ➤ Independent work - learning to be a good self-manager 	
How will learning be assessed?		What can you do to support your daughter?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Termly Common Tasks to Assess Reading and Writing/ End of Year exam ➤ Homework ➤ Oral assessment ➤ Peer and self-assessment 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Encourage your daughter to proof read her work ➤ Encourage reading for pleasure ➤ Check homework has been completed 	
Equipment needed for this subject		Extra-Curricular / Enrichment Opportunities	
<p>Exercise books and class readers/ text books are provided. Girls may find it useful to carry a small pocket dictionary or a spell checker.</p>		<p>Performing Arts Festival English Supported Study Interhouse Public Speaking competition National and school creative writing competition</p>	

If you have any questions about this Learning Overview, please contact your daughter's subject teacher in the first instance.