



English

“No matter how busy you may think you are, you must find time for reading, or surrender yourself to self-chosen ignorance.”

Atwood H Townsend

Course content

Communication is essential to every part of pupils' lives, both inside and outside school. The focus of English in Year 8 is to ensure that pupils develop skills in reading, writing, speaking and listening. Pupils have a topic and anthology of texts which they study to ensure that each half-term they cover a range of text types, such as Shakespeare, non-fiction, poetry, extracts from novels etc.

Skills developed

- Writing appropriately for the genre and audience
- Using varied vocabulary and language techniques to engage the reader
- Deliberately structuring a text for impact and to make it clear for the reader
- Using accurate and varied sentences and punctuation
- Analysing language features and explaining their effect
- Being able to comment on the structure and organisation of a text
- Being able to link a text and its features to its audience and purpose
- Explaining how the context of a text can affect how we read it
- Talking confidently in individually, in groups and in pairs

Topics covered

- Heroes and Villains
- Fear
- Mystery
- Class novel (along with thematically linked extracts)
- Moving

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