



### What will Year 7 students learn and how many lessons will they have each week?

In Year 7 students will study three texts: *Gothic Literature*, *Ruby in the Smoke* (Philip Pullman) and *The Tempest* (William Shakespeare). Through these texts students will also consolidate their creative and non-fiction writing skills as well as continue to develop grammar and spelling skills for writing. There are three English lessons per week.

### What will Year 7 students need to bring with them to lessons?

For English lessons students require a pen, pencil, highlighters and a ruler. It would also be useful for students to bring their own glue sticks.

### Will Year 7 students have homework in this subject? How much?

Students will be set one piece of English homework per fortnight. Sometimes students will be set a more project-based learning task that will take a half term to complete. Within the project teachers will identify milestones for the students to reach every fortnight.

### How can I support my child at home with their learning in this subject?

Please encourage your child to read as much as possible at home. This can be a variety of reading material including non-fiction, newspapers, magazines and digital texts.

### What opportunities are there for further study and careers in this subject?

A good standard of reading and of written and spoken English is required for most careers and further study. Careers associated specifically with the subject are journalism, publishing and media, law, recruitment and Human Resources, advertising and marketing, education, Public Relations and medicine.

### What other texts are studied further up the school?

These are the texts we study in each year group currently:

Year 8 – *Animal Farm* (George Orwell), *Oliver Twist* (Charles Dickens) and *Romeo and Juliet* (William Shakespeare)

Year 9 – *War and Conflict Poetry*, *DNA/Blood Brothers* and *Hamlet/ Midsummer Night's Dream* (William Shakespeare).

GCSE – *A Christmas Carol* (Charles Dickens), *An Inspector Calls* (JB Priestley), *Macbeth* (William Shakespeare) and the *Power and Conflict Poetry Anthology* (Various poets).

### What extra curricular clubs does the faculty offer?

Currently we have a creative writing club and a debating club in school. We also take part in national writing competitions such as Young Writers.