

## Key Stage 3 Curriculum – Year 8 English

### **Terms 1 – 6**

Pupils will follow a course designed to improve their skills of speaking and listening, reading and writing. They read a range of fiction and non-fiction texts, and discuss and write about what they have read in a variety of ways. They undertake five to six units of work which cover the requirements of the National Curriculum. The order of the units is sequenced in the following ways:

- 1 Sentences
- 2 Advanced Understanding of Written Texts
- 3 Gothic Literature
- 4 Poetry
- 5 Non-Fiction Writing
- 6 Non-Fiction Reading

Pupils are given regular opportunities for independent reading using the Accelerated Reader programme. Particular aspects of grammar, punctuation, spelling and paragraphing are 1, 3 and 5. Pupils draft pieces of extended writing and the importance of accuracy and punctuation is emphasised. Textual analysis, including language and structure, is taught during units 2, 4 and 6. There is significant emphasis on reflection and improvement time throughout the course.

### **Recommended Resources:**

- Pocket English dictionary – for use in school
- Independent reading books
- At home – large English dictionary
- Thesaurus
- Grammar

### **How you can help:**

- Encourage your child to read every day at home
- Take an interest in your child's work in English by reading or listening to work s/he has written
- Discuss the books your child has chosen for independent reading and, if appropriate, listen to your child read aloud