



Year 8 Curriculum

English



	Term 1 (Autumn)		Term 2 (Spring)	Term 3 (Summer)	
	Autumn 1&2	Autumn 2	Spring 1&2	Summer 1&2	Summer 2
Topic	Conventions & Traditions of the Gothic <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Extracts from poetry, short stories and novels from nineteenth century• Writing to describe• Analytical writing	The Poetry of William Blake <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A short collection of poetry written by William Blake	The Merchant of Venice <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Key scenes• Transactional Writing: speeches <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Evaluative writing	Of Mice & Men <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Whole text• Analytical and evaluative writing	A Victorian Ghost Story <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Narrative writing
Key Concepts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Context• Setting• Features of the Genre• Conventions• Narrative arc• Plot• Character• The supernatural• The sublime• Psychology• Foreshadow• Foreboding• Tension• Atmosphere	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Industrialisation• Nature• Imagination• Creativity• Emotion• Rural life• Revolution• Voice• Hyperbole• Imagery• Form• Rhythm• Rhyme• Poetic methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Power• Religion• Friendships and relationships• Mercy• Hatred• Prejudice• Revenge• Context• Soliloquy• Character• Conflict• Theme• Conventions of tragedy• The Villain	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Loneliness• Isolation• Prejudice• Racism• Ageism• Character• Plot• Narrative• Context• The American Dream	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tension• Atmosphere• Hooks• Foreshadow• Mystery• Structure• Symbolism• Supernatural• Fate vs. choice• Irony• Ambiguity



Year 8 Assessment

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All pupils will sit several knowledge tests, reading and writing assessments in Year 8.

	Knowledge Tests	Assessment		Revision Resources
	Autumn/Spring Terms	Summer Term		
Style of Assessment	Each knowledge test consists of 10 multiple-choice questions	Reading: Questions assessing the comprehension of an unseen extract and understanding of authorial craft	Writing: A descriptive writing task based on a picture	
Topics Assessed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Core knowledge taught until that point in the academic year	<ul style="list-style-type: none">ComprehensionAnalysis of language and structureEffects of writers' choices on reader	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Planning, content of writingOrganisation of writingTechnical accuracy	<p><i>Kennet Resources</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Year 8 Knowledge OrganisersLearning Habits <p><i>External Resources</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">https://pearsonglobalschools.comwww.bbc.com/bitesize <p>You can also find revision material on Frog</p> 