YEAR 9 CURRICULUM PLAN FOR ENGLISH



TOPIC	KEY LEARNING	ASSESSMENT
Heroes and Villains	 Understand and revise key elements of punctuation and grammar from Years Seven and Eight. Understand the roles of the protagonist and antagonist in a story. Understand the different hero and villain archetypes and read and analyse a range of extracts exploring how they are presented. Revisit literary techniques that are used to describe and understand how to use PAIRS to establish, describe and analyse characters before applying these skills to your own character pair. Revisit and understand the mythological story of Medusa and read, understand and analyse the poem 'Medusa'. Revisit contextual factors influencing Victorian and Romantic literature. Understand the poem, 'The Chimney Sweeper' by William Blake and explore how children are presented in the poem. 	Spelling age and reading age tests will be completed during the first week. Knowledge retrieval and VSSPS checks weekly. Scene about the meeting of own character pair formally assessed.
Heroes and Villains	 Revise the roles of heroes and villains. Revise the elements of an effective narrative opening, the importance of structure and how characters are presented. Understand what is meant by narrative structure and different forms of narrative structure and their possible effects. Revise literary techniques and apply skills learnt to plan and write a short story with a hero and villain which utilises a specific narrative structure. Understand what is meant by a 'role model'. Read and analyse a range of non-fiction extracts considering how real-life heroes and villains are presented. Revisit the conventions of a speech and how to form an effective argument and produce a presentation about a chosen role 	Knowledge retrieval and VSSPS checks weekly. Narrative piece formally assessed.
Prejudice	 Revisit understanding and examples of inequality from previous learning. Understand what is meant by the word prejudice and how we may hold prejudices without realising it. Understand what is meant by culture and the range of elements that can contribute to a person's culture and explore a range of cultures from different parts of the world and how they are presented in a range of fiction extracts. Revisit how to answer 'how does the writer?' questions. Understand the conventions of travel writing while reading and analysing a range of travel writing extracts before producing your own piece. Understand how to answer 'thoughts and feelings' questions. Understand the plot, characters and themes in the novel 'The Hate U Give'. 	Knowledge retrieval and VSSPS checks weekly. Formal Year 9 examination.
Prejudice	 Revisit what is meant by inequality, prejudice and misogyny. Explore how racism and gender (including the concepts of gender roles, misogyny and masculinity) are presented in a range of fiction and non-fiction texts including extracts from 'THUG'. Revisit how to answer 'to what extent?' questions and apply these skills. Understand what is meant by empathy, its importance and the conventions of empathetic writing and apply these by writing an empathetic piece as the character of Starr. 	Knowledge retrieval and VSSPS checks weekly. Empathetic writing formally assessed.

Power and Morality	 Understand the concepts of power, corruption and how the two can be linked including real-life examples. Revisit 'The Great Chain of Being' and how power was structured in the Elizabethan and Jacobean societies. Explore extracts from a range of Shakespeare plays where power is presented as corrupting. Revisit how to answer 'impressions' and 'how does the writer questions?' Understand the concept of poverty (with a particular focus on Victorian society) as a contextual influence. 	Knowledge retrieval and VSSPS checks weekly. Language analysis question
Power and Morality	 Explore how poverty and the poor is presented in a range of texts with a particular focus on Dickens' texts. Revisit the concepts of inequality, gender and poverty. Revisit the context of Victorian literature. Understand the meaning of Capitalism, Communism and Socialism and examples of where these ideologies have been seen throughout the world and throughout history. 	Knowledge retrieval and VSSPS checks to take place weekly.
rower and Morality	 Understand the plot, characters and themes of 'An Inspector Calls'. Revisit the conventions of writing a review. Apply the conventions of writing a review to their own review of the play. 	Spoken Language formally assessed.