



# Curriculum

## Outline of Content

### Year 8



## Assessment

### Autumn Term

Shakespeare - Othello

Analysing use of language to convey character of Iago - classical antagonist

analysing use of language to convey themes: race, jealousy

explanation of context: setting (Venice) (Cyprus), race, James I

discursive writing

structuring/use of connectives

rehtorical devices: repetition/use of evidence/ emotive language / metaphor/ rhetorical questions

tone of writing

### Spring Term

Novel -Dystopian fiction featuring Lord of the Flies

analysing use of language to convey character/theme setting

Themes: war / bullying / violence / class

characters: leadership / victim /

discursive writing

writing to argue - how to tackle bullying

writing to persuade - letter for student leadership

How does writer use language to convey character of Piggy

### Summer Term

Short story writing unit:

analysing use of language to convey theme / idea / viewpoint / character

range of literary short story examples - Roald Dahl, Raymond Chandler, Ray Bradbury, Philip K Dick, Thomas Hardy

Narrative writing

planning process for short stories - how to write succinctly

developing drafting and redrafting process

### Autumn Term

- One paper including:
- Lit question 50%
- Discursive essay 50%

### Spring Term

- One paper including:
- Lit question 50%
- Descriptive/narrative essay 50%

### Summer Term

- Language paper one:
- Unseen extract 50%
- Narrative essay 50%

### End of Year Grade

- holistic grade:
- reading
- writing
- overall