

West Kirby Grammar School KS3 Learning Overview

Subject:	English
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Year:	Eight
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Curriculum organisation
Students are taught in form groups of 30 students for four lessons per week, one of which is an independent reading lesson.

What topics will your daughter be studying this year?			How will your daughter be learning?
Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term	
<p><u>Novel</u> studied from a range including: <i>The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas, Tins, Baby and Fly Pie, Holes, A Monster Calls, Wolf Hollow.</i></p> <p><u>Poetry</u> – Pupils are exposed to a range of poetry and poetic techniques linked to the novel.</p>	<p><u>Shakespeare play</u> Extracts from <i>The Tempest / A Midsummer Night's Dream</i></p>	<p><u>Older poetry and comparison skills</u> Focus on older poetry and comparison skills in preparation for GCSE study .g. <i>The Schoolboy, Sonnets</i>, etc.</p> <p><u>The Apprentice</u> Students study a range of persuasive non-fiction and media before working as a group on a marketing campaign which is presented to the class.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whole class discussion • Pair work • Group work • Analysis of text • Extended writing tasks • Opportunities for speaking and listening • Private reading is promoted throughout the year and a record of reading is kept by the pupil. • Emphasis is consistently placed upon accuracy in grammar, punctuation and spelling.

Equipment needed for lessons	What can you do to support your daughter?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard school stationery • Copy of novel supplied by school for Autumn term • Appropriate fiction book for Reading lessons • A4 reading log (from Year 7) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage access to wide range of texts (fiction and non-fiction) and foster enjoyment of reading. • Access to dictionary and thesaurus. • Encourage student to act on advice and response from teacher and seek clarification if necessary.

How will learning be assessed and progress measured?	Extension & Enrichment opportunities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will peer-mark some exercises • Key homework tasks will be marked with a comment and target linked to success criteria. • Pupils will use their purple pen to respond to feedback and reflect on their performance. • Key reading and writing assessments for each term will be graded using the WKGS Grading Criteria. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris Salmon poetry competition • Reading enrichment lessons throughout the year allow pupils to explore literature of their own choice and to complete creative tasks. • Library collaboration: visits from authors where possible; Kids Lit Quiz; Wirral Paperback of the Year.

If you have any questions about this Learning Overview, please contact the named Head of Department above.