

# Y8 ROADMAP - English

**Subject aim: To develop skills of reading , writing and spoken communication to enable students to better understand the world around them and to be able to express their understanding in the best possible words**

TERM 1

How has Romanticism influenced the Literary Tradition?

What is the Gothic tradition and how has it shaped Literature?

TERM 2

You will study the Lady of Shalott by Tennyson and research Arthurian legends. You will learn how to analyse language carefully to find hidden meanings. You will read an abridged version of “Wuthering Heights” and explore characterization and plotting through the lens of the Gothic tradition.

TERM 3

How do writers use persuasive language to encourage people to travel?

You will read a range of travel texts, including media texts , brochures and literary travel writing. You will explore a range of different persuasive techniques, and then use those techniques to write in a wide range of different styles, so that you have the ability to use language to inform, persuade and entertain a target audience.

TERM 4

How do writers use the supernatural to engage their readers?

You will study Arthur Miller’s classic play “The Crucible” and explore the historical and social context behind the play. You will consider how the author uses the historical context to comment on his contemporary society. You will also explore subtle characterization and sophisticated dramatic techniques used by writers

TERM 5

How do writers use monsters as metaphors?

TERM 6

You will study “The Tempest” by William Shakespeare and how Shakespeare uses monsters and supernatural creatures as metaphors to comment on society. You will explore the complex language of Shakespeare and develop your skills of Speaking and Listening through role play and putting characters on trial.

## ASSESSMENT

- You will regularly receive Formative assessment within your lessons to ensure you know how to progress and improve
- You will use Knowledge Organisers regularly to develop your retrieval skills and ensure you retain the knowledge you have learned
- There will be a summative assessment within each Unit to enable you to demonstrate your learning through extended writing or formal presentation

## INDEPENDENT LEARNING

- You will complete one session each week of online Bedrock Learning to develop your grammar and vocabulary skills at home, working independently.
- You will have regular opportunities to produce extended writing independently

## ENRICHMENT

- You will have the opportunity to have a Zoom meeting with a professional author
- You will be able to join Readathon and writing competitions

**What Next? You will explore a range of modern fiction, the detective genre and tragedy to discover how writers engage their readers**