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ENGLISH CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

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ENGLISH | YEAR 8

What will my child learn this year?

TERM 1

LITERATURE: Narrative Perspective | LANGUAGE: Setting

TEXTS: The Bone Sparrow; fantasy and science-fiction extracts

WHAT STUDENTS LEARN: Examine first- and third-person narration and how authors construct characters. Create atmosphere through sensory imagery, foreshadowing and pathetic fallacy.

TERM 2

LITERATURE: Shakespeare's Comedies | LANGUAGE: Persuasive Writing: Pathos

TEXTS: Twelfth Night; political speeches and letters

WHAT STUDENTS LEARN: Explore comedy, genre and writers' social messages. Use emotive appeals, repetition and rhetorical structures to persuade an audience.

TERM 3

LITERATURE: Poetic Voices | LANGUAGE: Literary Non-Fiction: Autobiography

TEXTS: The Boy Lost in the Maze; I Am Malala

WHAT STUDENTS LEARN: Develop reading comprehension and inference through verse and autobiography. Consider how poetry and personal testimony communicate identity, protest and change.

KEY SKILLS DEVELOPED

READ
Interpret, infer and evaluate texts

ANALYSE
Explore language, structure and context

WRITE
Craft creative and persuasive responses

ARGUE
Communicate ideas with evidence

PROGRESSION Deepens analysis of voice, genre, context and deliberate writing choices.

ENRICHMENT Creative Writing, Book and Debate Clubs; Sparx Reader; RSC links, theatre visits and author events.