FURNESS ACADEMY

ENGLISH CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

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ENGLISH | YEAR 9

What will my child learn this year?

TERM 1

LITERATURE: War Writing | LANGUAGE: Descriptive Writing

TEXTS: Journey's End; war poetry and prose

WHAT STUDENTS LEARN: Explore how writers respond to social crises and convey ideas about conflict. Develop cohesive descriptions using narrative structure, imagery and shifts in time.

TERM 2

LITERATURE: The Gothic | LANGUAGE: Persuasive Writing: Ethos, Logos, Pathos

TEXTS: The Woman in Black; Gothic extracts; journalism

WHAT STUDENTS LEARN: Analyse Gothic conventions and how structure creates tension. Combine credibility, logic and emotion in sophisticated journalistic arguments.

TERM 3

LITERATURE: Shakespeare's Tragedies | LANGUAGE: Short Story Writing

TEXTS: Macbeth; short story anthology

WHAT STUDENTS LEARN: Explore tragic heroes, character choices and universal themes. Craft original short stories using figurative language, perspective and deliberate narrative form.

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 Synthesises earlier skills to prepare for independent GCSE responses.

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