

English

Year 8

Please use this Route Through to learn more about what students are learning in lessons, and how they can extend their learning at home. Please contact the Head of Department or Director of Year for more information.

Subject	What are students learning in lessons?	What could students do to extend their learning and develop their character?
Autumn Term 1	Much Ado About Nothing: Shakespearean play learning characterisation and what makes a comedy.	Be curious: research the life of Shakespeare and his legacy.
Autumn Term 2	Dracula: a Gothic fiction text, learn about characterisation and how to use Gothic conventions in writing.	Be independent: practise writing a Gothic story using Gothic conventions.
Spring Term 1	Non-Fiction Writing: how to construct an article using persuasive devices.	Demonstrate service: write an article that encourages students to be more environmentally-friendly in school.
Spring Term 2	Relationships Poetry: explore and analyse different poetry forms and how different relationships are presented. Use methods to write your own poem on relationships.	Be confident: perform your poem to a friend, family member or carer.
Summer Term 1	Dystopian Fiction: characterisation and thematic exploration across Dystopian texts (Examination Day and A Sound of Thunder).	Be creative: write your own Dystopian story using Dystopian conventions.
Summer Term 2	Revision: how to read and comprehend an unseen text, how to write creatively. Oracy: write and present your own speech on the topic of Dystopian Fiction.	Be resilient: practice your speech at home to boost your confidence.
How should I plan my time?	Assessment	Home Learning
	Students think hard and answer lots of questions every lesson. Students practice and get feedback on their work. Exam: Spring 1 and Summer 2	Due every Thursday at 4pm: 30 minutes Sparx English 30 minutes booklet