



St Benedict's Catholic School

*Developing Wisdom, Compassion and Resilience
through Prayer and Work*

English Department Curriculum Guide

Year 7

Curriculum

Autumn	Spring	Summer
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Myths: exploring the structure of stories, and developing written style• Introduction to Poetry: exploring language, form and structure of poems and applying this to their own poems.• Free Writing: Fortnightly stand-alone writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Modern Novel – Trash: exploring language, form and structure, as well as themes and context.• Inspirational Figures: looking at techniques used in speeches, then use them in their own writing.• Free Writing: Fortnightly stand-alone writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shakespeare in Context: looking at the genres of comedy, tragedy and history, as well as some of Shakespeare's sonnets.• Travel Writing: practice in writing for a particular purpose and audience.• Free Writing: Fortnightly stand-alone writing

Assessment & Homework

Students have two formal assessments per year, which cover the content that has been taught up to that point. Students will also regularly practise in class the skills necessary to improve in English.

Students are expected to read regularly. Furthermore, as part of the Accelerated Reader program that is run in school, those students who do read outside the classroom can prove their progress in reading skills by taking targeted quizzes based on their reading. Regular activities linked to the texts and topics being studied in class are also opportunities to display knowledge gleaned from home learning.

Resources

It is recommended that students make use of the school library which is open before and after school and during break and lunchtimes. In addition, students can access the resources for their lessons and knowledge organisers on their class notebook in OneNote. There are also reading lists for each term, which provide ideas for how students can expand their appreciation of the texts that are being studied in class.

Extra and Super Curricular Opportunities

- Debate Club
- Reading Group
- Performing Shakespeare competition
- Internal and external writing competitions