



# St Benedict's Catholic School

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

## English Department Curriculum Guide

### Year 9

#### Curriculum

Autumn	Spring	Summer
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Gothic Writing:</b> focuses on narrative writing skills.</li><li>• <b>A Christmas Carol:</b> a GCSE English Literature text.</li><li>• <b>Opinion Piece Writing:</b> writing to present a point of view</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Dystopia:</b> explores the features of a genre and develops the skills for GCSE English Language</li><li>• <b>Shakespeare:</b> in-depth study of either <i>Romeo and Juliet</i> or <i>Much Ado About Nothing</i>.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Poetry:</b> develops skills of how to analyse poetry, including 3 poems from the GCSE Worlds and Lives anthology.</li><li>• Recap on <b>Opinion Piece Writing</b> in preparation for assessment at the end of the year.</li></ul>

#### 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 as well as prepare for spelling and comprehension tests of Tier 2 Vocabulary. In addition, students will be given regular activities to complete at home to support the study of a particular text or to practise a skill.

#### 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.

CGP publish excellent text and revision guides for GCSE English, including for *A Christmas Carol*.

#### Extra and Super Curricular Opportunities

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