

Curriculum overview:

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Extended Text Study: G&T: A Curious Incident of the Dog and the Night time Mixed groups: A Monster Calls, Face Writing and Reading	Producing Creative Texts: Gothic Horror Writing	Shakespeare: Much Ado About Nothing Reading	Modern Drama: T&M Blood Brothers L: Our Day Out Writing	Poetry: Love Poetry and Unseen Poetry Reading	Unit 1: Reading and Writing Non Fiction Reading and Writing

Homework :

- Reading your Accelerated Reader book and complete a quiz every fortnight.
- Students who haven't finished the Lexia programme should be doing 45 minutes a week of Lexia as homework.
- A variety of homework will be set throughout the year, from project based homework such as that for the 'Extended Text Study' in Autumn Term one, to creative writing tasks in the 'Modern Drama' unit of work. Students may also be asked to research themes or authors as part of their homework, or to redraft work in order to improve it.

Assessment:

There is a reading and writing assessment at the start and end of the academic year. Throughout the year each half term has either a reading or a writing assessment as outlined above. Students are also assessed throughout the years on their speaking and listening skills.

Useful websites:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/0/>
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/levels/z4kw2hv>
<http://dictionary.reference.com/wordoftheday>
<http://dynamo.dictionary.com/>

Practical tips /activities for parents to support learning at home:

Reading with your child is extremely beneficial, as well as discussing with them what they have read. Encouraging students to read a wide range of texts, from novels to magazines and newspapers. Allowing the students time and space to do extended writing activities and encouraging them to re-read and redraft their work.