



English Department

Welcome to Year 9 English!

Home Learning

Home Learning for Key Stage 3 students is all about improving their vocabulary and reading. Each week, students will work from a home learning booklet which includes extracts from different novels and a range of tasks to complete. Through this, students will explore different texts and practice their comprehension skills.

Exercise Books

Students have two exercise books: their **everyday purple book** (for class work) and their **yellow progress book**. All assessments and marked work goes into the progress book, showing a clear indicator of your child's progress and effort over time.

Enriching our Students

Alongside their overarching units, our Year 9 students will complete **Writing Challenge** or **Step-Up Skills** lesson regularly. These aim to provide students with repeated practise of their language and writing skills to ensure they are as prepared as they can be for Key Stage 4 and beyond (after all, 50% of their future Language GCSE will be creative writing based).

DYSTOPIAN FICTION

Danger and Dystopia Topic 1 2024

For their first unit of Year 9, students will be working on their **writing skills** in preparation for the **GCSE language exams**. Students will be introduced to the idea of a dystopia and the conventions of dystopian fiction. We will explore a range of extracts as well as strategies to improve **creative writing**.

Students have a choice of two writing assessments:

- Either:* Write a dystopian description inspired by a given image.
- Or:* Write the opening to a dystopian story that opens 'Nights dark beyond darkness.'







Students are assessed on:

- Communicating clearly, effectively and imaginatively
- Writing in the correct style for the dystopian genre
- Writing with accuracy of spelling, punctuation, and grammar.









YOUNG ADULT DYSTOPIAS

6 EXAMPLES

THE SOCIETY

Split into districts

Split into factions

Two warring nations

No love

lives are planned

Forced operations