

ENGLISH AT THE BOURNE ACADEMY

KS3 English (Years 7 & 8)

During each year of Key Stage 3, students will study a range of texts and writing styles. Key Stage 3 students have regular library lessons in which they will develop their research skills and read around the topics they are studying. Homework tasks are vocabulary focused and students will spend 20 minutes each week completing these. In preparation for Key Stage 4 (where English GCSEs are currently 100% exam), all students will have an exam every half-term based on their current unit of study. Should students need extra support, they will be invited to English intervention sessions which take place on a Wednesday afternoon.

English in year 7:

- Stories of Deception
- Non-fiction: 'Inequality'
- A modern novel

English in year 8:

- 'Of Mice and Men'
- 'Romeo & Juliet'
- Poetry: 'Exploring other Cultures'

KS4 English (Years 9, 10 & 11)

Students will work towards AQA GCSE qualifications in both English Language and English Literature. Year 9 is used as a foundation year to support students in developing the skills they will need when analysing the Literature texts. To help with this, students will spend 30 minutes each week completing comprehension tasks for homework. In years 10 & 11, students will spend 45 minutes per week revising texts they have previously studied to consolidate their learning. Students will also be given the opportunity to go on theatre visits and educational trips to support their understanding of the set texts.

English in year 9:

- C19th fiction
- Shakespeare: An overview
- Modern play: 'An Inspector Calls'

English in year 10:

- Poetry: 'Power and Conflict'
- Shakespeare: 'Macbeth'
- Speaking & Listening

English in year 11:

- Pre C19th: 'Jekyll & Hyde'
- Revision

KS5 English (Years 12 & 13)

Students will work towards an Edexcel A level in English Literature. In order to gain this qualification, students will need to complete one piece of coursework, comparing two texts of their choice and three exams: drama, prose and poetry.

- 'Frankenstein'
- 'A Handmaid's Tale'
- 'Othello'
- 'English Romantic Verse'
- 'A Streetcar Named Desire'
- 'Poems of the Decade'