

## Year 9 Overview

In Year 9, students study complex texts and themes, beginning with the Gothic *Wuthering Heights* to explore symbolism, character development, and context. In Spring, they analyse tragedy and characterisation in *Othello*. In Summer, they examine identity and adolescence through *The Outsiders* and poetry, comparing perspectives and contexts. Throughout the year, they refine their writing with clear structure, strong vocabulary, and effective figurative language.

Half Term	Curriculum Plan
1	<p><b>Gothic</b> Key Text: <i>Wuthering Heights</i></p> <p><b>Reading Skills:</b> Students learn to summarise and analyse fiction, interpret connotations, symbolism, and figurative language, and explore how writers construct characters and convey intent.</p> <p><b>Writing Skills:</b> Students learn to plan and organise their ideas effectively, using clear structure, cohesive paragraphs, and vivid vocabulary. They also apply figurative language in both fiction and non-fiction writing.</p>
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3	<p><b>Tragedy</b> Key Text: <i>Othello</i></p> <p><b>Reading Skills:</b> Students develop an understanding of characterisation, themes, and authorial intent in tragic narratives.</p> <p><b>Writing Skills:</b> Students continue to plan and organise their ideas effectively, using clear structure, vivid vocabulary, and figurative language in both fiction and non-fiction writing.</p>
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5	<p><b>Lessons in Adolescence</b> Key Texts: <i>The Outsiders</i>, Poetry</p> <p><b>Reading Skills:</b> Students develop an understanding of themes such as youth, identity, and coming-of-age, while comparing different perspectives and exploring contextual influences.</p> <p><b>Writing Skills:</b> Students continue to plan and organise their ideas effectively, using clear structure, vivid vocabulary, and figurative language in both fiction and non-fiction writing.</p>
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### Homework:

All homework is set on Sparx Reader from Wednesday to Wednesday. Students are expected to complete 30 minutes of independent reading a week and achieve 300 SRP

### Useful links:

[Sparx Reader Login](#)  
[BBC Bitesize - Gothic Text](#)  
[Wuthering Heights](#)  
[Othello](#)

### Assessments:

In each unit, there will be a midpoint knowledge check and an endpoint knowledge check and analytical writing task. Students will also complete a 'big write' in each unit.

There are two main formal assessment points during the year:

**AP1 w/c 19th January** – formal assessment covering key aspects of grammar

**AP2 w/c 22nd June** - formal assessment reviewing students understanding of grammar taught throughout the year