

English Curriculum Summary

KS3 curriculum

Introduction

English has a pre-eminent place in education and in society. A high-quality education in English will teach pupils to speak and write fluently so that they can communicate their ideas and emotions to others and through their reading and listening, others can communicate with them. Through reading in particular, pupils have a chance to develop culturally, emotionally, intellectually, socially and spiritually. Literature, especially, plays a key role in such development. Reading also enables pupils both to acquire knowledge and to build on what they already know. At The Judd School we provide pupils at KS3 with a broad, yet vibrant curriculum so as to develop their analytical and creative skills. We select texts that are both accessible, yet challenging, and that promote a genuine engagement with the subject. Alongside taught units, pupils in Years 7 and 8 are provided with a discrete fortnightly lesson on spelling and grammar. In Year 7, pupils will also complete a creative writing unit, whilst in Year 8 wider reading is encouraged through a bespoke project designed by Judd teachers.

Year 7

Topics covered	Principal resources
Story Telling: Myths and Legends	Department Resources on Google Sites
Storytelling: Evolution of Literature and Language	
Relationships: Shakespeare's <i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i>	
Identity: Class Novel <i>Bone Talk</i> by Candy Gourlay	

Year 8

Topic	Principal resources
Story Telling: Creative and functional writing	In-house resources / Google Sites
Storytelling: Chaucer	
Journeys: Shakespeare's <i>Richard III</i>	
Journeys: Rime of the Ancient Mariner	
Dystopian Unit	
<i>The Time Machine</i> by H G Wells	

One lesson a fortnight on grammar, spelling and punctuation.