

Timeline of units – Year 8 English:

Term dates:	Unit to be covered:
Half term 1 September - October	Viewpoint Reading Literary Non-Fiction Text: E.g. ‘A Diary of a Young Girl: Anne Frank’ and non-fiction extracts - Contexts of text, time, writer and audience - Ideas around themes and issues - Stylistic features of viewpoint texts
Half term 2 October - December	Viewpoint Writing Writing through a range of non-fiction forms (To continue reading Non-fiction text to inform writing) - Features of writing to explain, narrate, argue - Structural and grammatical features of writing - Stylistic techniques
Half term 3 January - February	Literature Reading Shakespeare: ‘Macbeth’ - Context - Themes - Plot and characters - Genre features - Language and dramatic techniques
Half term 4 February - April	Creative Reading – Literature Through Time Literature Text: Pre and Post 1914 Extracts and Short Stories – The English Literary Heritage - Development of literature through time - Development of literature through genre - Language and structural analysis - Selecting and evaluating quotations - Evaluating writers’ techniques
Half term 5 April - May	Creative Writing – Literature Through Time Narrative and Descriptive Writing Pre and Post 1914 Extracts and Short Stories used as stimulus - Vocabulary and grammar skills - Different ways to structure texts - Writing creatively in different forms and genres
Half term 6 June – July	Literature Reading Poetry – based on the theme of ‘Change’ - Themes and ideas - Stylistic features and characteristics - Writers and contexts - Comparison of ideas and techniques