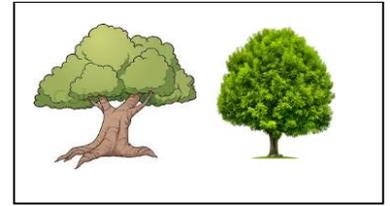




# English



## Spring Term 1 Newsletter

English is all about Poetry this half term – Students are being provided with a culturally rich environment with poetry from around the world, enabling them to feel confident when reading and analysing poems, to creating their own. There will be a competition that runs throughout the half term from Y7 – Y11 in Spring 1

### Year 7

Year 7 will be studying Poetry from Other Cultures throughout the term – including poems from Imitiaz Dharker, John Agard and Moniza Alvi. Homework will be using the skills that they have acquired or improved in lesson to build their own anthology of poetry.

### Year 8

Year 8 will be studying Poetry Quests. The aim of this unit of work is to engage pupils in reading and appreciating poetry for pleasure – whilst enhancing their understanding of a Poet's craft. Homework will be using the skills that they have acquired or improved in lesson to build their own anthology of poetry.

### Year 9

Year 9 will be studying War Poetry – introducing students to poets like Wilfred Owen and Siegfried Sassoon. This unit of work helps to students to understand and appreciate the individual situations of soldiers during conflict from WW1 to modern day. Homework will be using images to create poems of their own to show their understanding of conflict and Poet's crafting. During Spring 2 students will be developing and enhancing their writing skills with Creative Writing.

### Year 10

Year 10 will be studying from their GCSE Anthology - Power & Conflict Poetry throughout the term. Students will utilise their prior knowledge of the Poet's Craft to analyse and respond to examination questions on the poetry from their anthology (Anthologies need to be brought to every lesson). Students should continue to use their knowledge organisers to learn key terms and which poems contrast or complement each other - this will be tested at the start of most lessons. They are also expected to create a cue card, or a similar revision tool, after each lesson, and to use the English classroom on Seneca Learning for homework.

### Year 11

Year 11 will be revisiting poetry from their GCSE Anthology – Power & Conflict and studying a variety of other poems ready for their exam in May 2020 throughout the term. This will help consolidate their knowledge to exam questions, as well as a formal 'mock' examination in the early part of the half term. They will then be revising all aspects of the Language and Literature papers using past papers. Students should continue to use their knowledge organisers to learn key words techniques and this will be tested at the start of all lessons. They are also expected to create a cue card, or a similar revision tool, after each lesson, and to use the English classroom on Seneca Learning to assist in revision/homework.

### **What have we enjoyed?**

Year 10 and year 11 students attended 'Inspector Calls' at the Mayflower Theatre in September enjoying a superb interpretation of the play. December brought us the pantomime 'Aladdin' where students appreciated 'Widow Twanky' and the exploits of her sons 'Wishy Washy and Aladdin'