

## **English**

### **Years 7, 8 and 9**

Students follow largely topic based units of work throughout Key Stage 3, for example: narrative poetry, horror, crime, life and experiences. These topic based units are designed to develop students' reading, writing and speaking and listening skills. At Key Stage 3, students study a wide range of texts, including: Shakespeare, poetry, non-fiction and classic and contemporary fiction.

In order to embed writing skills, there is a grammar lesson and homework once a fortnight in years 7 and 8. All Key Stage 3 students are given spellings to learn on a fortnightly basis.

Students' work is assessed either for reading or writing every half term and students are given regular feedback on how to improve.