

## Year 9 English

### How will students be assessed?

In Year 9, students will be assessed in Reading and Writing at key points during the year, usually at the end of particular units of work using the new GCSE grades 1-9.

Half term	Key content
1	<p>1. Transition Project (6 weeks) Assessment in Reading and Writing <i>NB: Following this point, subject teachers who share classes may well divide up the remainder of the course content.</i></p> <p>2. Film Still unit - Writing to Describe (1 of 4 weeks)</p> <p><i>Drama will carry on the Island topic with two lessons on 'The Tempest'. Regular private reading will be built in to lessons and an initial Reading Journal completed as one strand of homework. Further Journals may be completed later in the year.</i></p>
2	<p>1. Students will complete the Film Still unit which culminates in a piece of imaginative writing. (3 of 4 weeks)</p> <p>2. Poetry ( Students study 4-6 poems based around a theme, including at least 1 pre-1914 text. This culminates in a comparative poetry essay. (4 of 4 weeks)</p> <p><i>Drama will include work based around poems.</i></p>
3	<p>1. Pre-20<sup>th</sup> C Prose using revised Hop-Frog scheme culminating in the writing of a revenge story and a reading test which may take the form of the Year 9 exam later in the year. (4 of 4 weeks)</p> <p>2. An introduction to Modern Drama using a play from the following collection: Our Day Out / Whose Life / DNA. Students will be introduced to the use of stage directions, set , props, lighting, dramatic characterisation. This unit is assessed through a range of tasks, including: script writing, writing in role, and speaking and listening activities. (2 of 4 weeks)</p>
4	<p>1. Complete Modern Drama (2 of 4 weeks)</p> <p>2. Shakespeare - 'Hamlet' or 'Romeo &amp; Juliet' schemes. (4 of 4 weeks)</p> <p><i>Drama will focus on complementary aspects of Shakespeare. (4 weeks)</i></p>
5	<p>1. Transactional Writing Unit culminating in a piece of transactional writing for specific audience / purpose. (2 of 2 weeks)</p> <p>2. Study of modern novel - OM&amp;M culminating in a characterisation based analytical essay. (3 of 4 weeks)</p>
6	<p>1. Modern novel completed. (1 of 4 weeks)</p> <p>2. Preparation for Year 9 Assessment during exam week. The exam will test reading skills and may link back to the study of Hop Frog in Spring Term 1. (1 week)</p> <p>3. 5 GCSE Conflict poems (4 of 4 weeks) culminating in a comparative essay.</p>