The English Department KS3 Summer 1 Newsletter

This term in English, students across Key Stage 3 will be exploring a range of engaging and thought-provoking texts and themes.

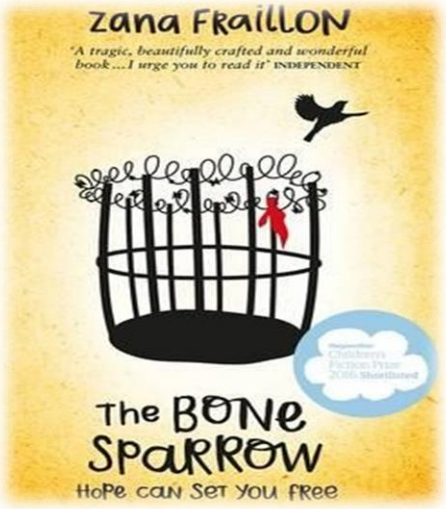
Year 7 will be studying *The Bone Sparrow*, a powerful and moving novel that encourages students to reflect on identity, belonging, and the experiences of refugees. Through this text, pupils will develop their empathy as well as their analytical and creative writing skills.

Year 8 will focus on AQA Language Paper 2, exploring a variety of non-fiction texts centred around the theme of crime and punishment. Students will build their skills in comparing viewpoints, analysing language, and crafting their own persuasive and transactional writing.

Year 9 will be delving into conflict poetry, examining how poets present themes such as war, power, and human struggle. This unit will support students in developing their ability to analyse language, structure, and context, preparing them for the demands of GCSE study.

We look forward to seeing students engage with these rich and challenging topics over the term.

Year 7



Read: The 1000 Year Old Boy - Ross Welford
Watch: Born In Syria [PG]
Visit: The Migration Museum in London

Year 8

Read: Charles Dickens – Oliver Twist
Watch: The Victorian Slum (BBC)
VisitL The Black Country Museum

Year 9

Read: Maya Angelou – I know Why The Cage Bird Sings
Watch: https://www.amnesty.org.uk/poem-theme-equality
Visit: The British Museum, London

Parental Support Booklets for each unit will be uploaded onto G4S ahead of each assessment for parents and carers to support pupils at home