

Studying English at Meadowhead

Meadowhead School

<u>(KS3) Y7 and 8</u>

- In Y7 and 8, students at Meadowhead have 3 English lessons per week — Y7s have 2 lessons of curriculum study and 1 lesson of "Let's Think in English" (a new initiative for 2018-19 in association with King's College, London)
- The KS3 units covered include: Transition project, Modern Novel, Poetry, Literary Heritage, Drama and History of Language.
- Typical texts studied include: Private Peaceful, Skellig, Millions, War Horse, Trash, Joey Pigza, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Much Ado About Nothing, War of the Worlds etc.

(KS4 Prep) Y9

- In Y9, students have 3 English lessons per week
- The units covered are in preparation for starting the GCSE courses in Y10. These include: Modern Novel, Literary Heritage, Modern Drama, Poetry, Creative Writing and Non-fiction Writing
- Typical texts studied include: Of Mice and Men, Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, An Inspector Calls, etc.

(KS4) Y10 and 11

- In Y10 and 11, students have 4 English lessons per week, following the AQA GCSE Literature and Language courses
- The units covered include: Modern Novel, Shakespeare, 19th Century Heritage Prose, Conflict Poetry, Unseen Poetry, Literary Fiction, Narrative/Descriptive writing and Exploring Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives
- Alongside the study of anthology and unseen poetry, texts studied include: Lord of the Flies or Blood Brothers, A Christmas Carol and Romeo and Juliet

(KS5) A Level Literature

Students can also go on to study A Level Literature at Meadowhead Sixth Form. Texts covered on this course include: Othello, The Great Gatsby, Anthology Poetry, Unseen Poetry and Prose, A Streetcar Named Desire, The Handmaid's Tale and Feminine Gospels

(KS5) A Level Language (Linguistics)

Our A Level Language course covers topics such as Gender, Accent and Dialect, Ethnicity, Occupation, Age, Social Groups, Social Class, Child Language Acquisition, Language Change and World English

Enrichment / Extra-curricular opportunities

After-school sessions

- For Y7-9, there are after school sessions run by subject specialists with the key aim of helping to boost literacy skills and promote high levels of accuracy in written work
- For Y10-11, after school sessions are more focused on revision of units studied, especially in preparation for mock, trial and final exams
- For Y12 and 13, there is a weekly drop-in where students can get advice and support as required

Visiting theatre productions

This year we invite 'Quantum Theatre' back to perform a live version of 'A Christmas Carol' for our Y11 students.

There will also be a live streaming in school of the RSC's 'Romeo and Juliet'

<u>Theatre/Cinema</u> <u>Trips</u>

Over the last few years, our trips have included visits to see 'One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest', 'Blood Brothers', 'Othello', 'King Lear', 'Lord of The Flies', 'A Streetcar Named Desire', and 'A Monster Calls'.

Y10/11 "A Levelstyle" enrichment seminars are aimed at students with target grades of 7-9