

English Home learning Outline

'Toynbee Talks'

All home learning for English from years 7 to 9 will focus on establishing, developing and mastering public speaking skills, in preparation for '**Toynbee talks**' which will take place once each term.

At the beginning of each term, pupils will be given a topic for which they will need to prepare a short presentation for their class. The topic will be launched in English lessons and guidance will be shared via 'Show my Homework' and pupil planners. For some presentations, pupils will be given the choice to work as part of a pair or group.

Lessons during a timetabled week will be dedicated to '**Toynbee Talks**' where classes watch each other's presentations. Pupils will receive written feedback for each of their presentations.

In the summer term of year 9, pupils will deliver a slightly longer presentation as part of their GCSE English Language assessment.

In addition, we recommend that pupils to read independently to support their progress. Reading is the key to success in so many school subjects, and a valuable life skill that we believe all young people should practise. To support all pupils with their reading development, we have a list of recommended texts, which support or extend the topics studied in English throughout years 7, 8, and 9. Parents could use these lists as a starting point to encourage independent reading.

**Autumn Term
Focus**

**Spring Term
Focus**

**Summer Term
Focus**

Year 7

Presentation date

Week beginning

Toynbee so Far

8th October

Myths & Legends

3rd December

My Favourite Book

4th March (World Book Day: 7th March)

Life in as a Teenager

10th June

Year 8

Presentation date

Week beginning

Real Crime

29th October

Poetry on theme of Conflict

4th March

**Shakespeare – an extract
from a play or poem**

10th June

Year 9

Presentation date:

Week beginning

Gothic Writing

29th October

The Importance of the Curriculum

4th March

GCSE Presentation

10th June