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Welcome to
The English
Faculty!



Your amazing journey starts here...



ENGLISH at
Malmesbury is...

INSPIRATIONAL

READING

ENCAPSULATING

WRITING

CITIZENSHIP

POWER

JOY

ESCAPISM

ANALYSIS

DEBATE

CURIOSITY

OPPORTUNITY

COMMUNICATION

INCLUSIVE

EMPATHY

LANGUAGE

DIVERSITY

CHALLENGE

CREATIVITY

WORDS!

FREEDOM

COLLABORATION

EXPLORATION

ESSENTIAL

Year 7 (and 8 and 9!) in the English dept at Malmesbury is a vibrant, happy, colourful, exciting and massively interesting place to be! We love all things to do with reading, words, speaking, debate, books, creativity, writing... the list goes on! When you first arrive at Malmesbury, you'll be studying any one of our class readers – **books** that we have carefully chosen to engage every one of our new Yr 7s with the fantastic escapism that reading can offer us. You might be reading Cirque du Freak, or Wonder, or War Horse, or Once.... And you might also be doing some close studying of the characters so that by the time we've finished you won't want to say goodbye to them!

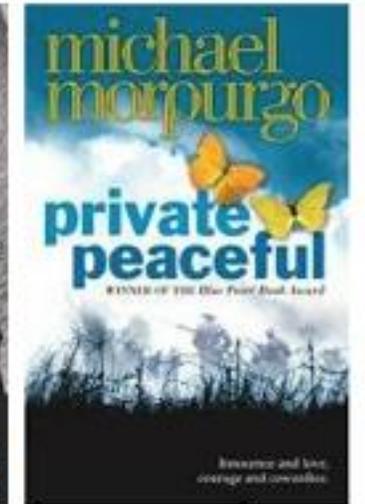
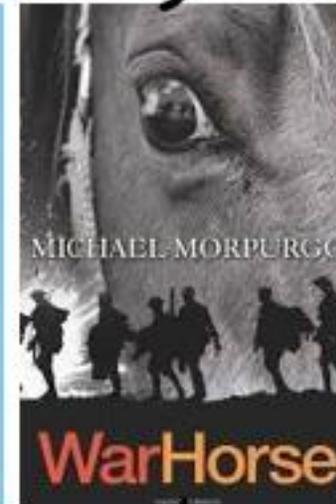
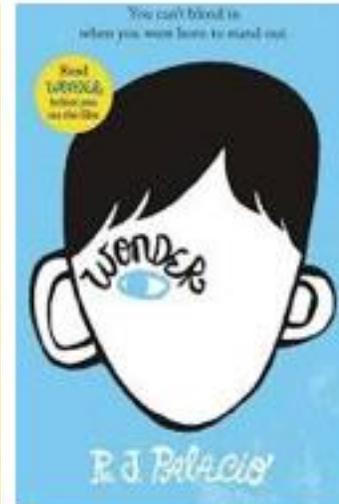
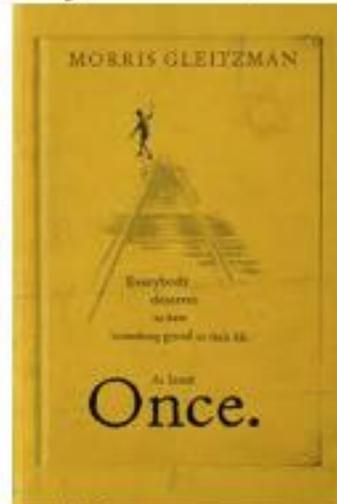
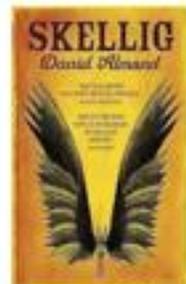
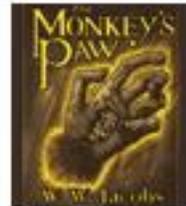
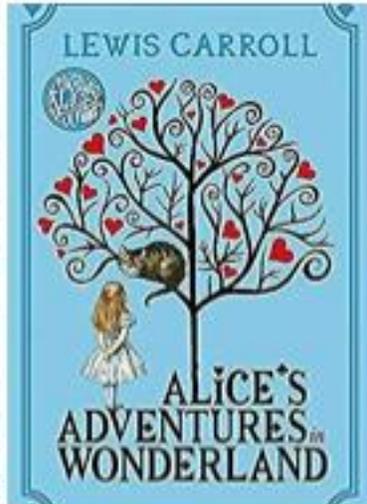
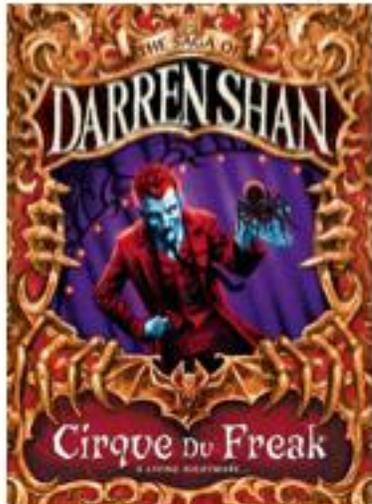
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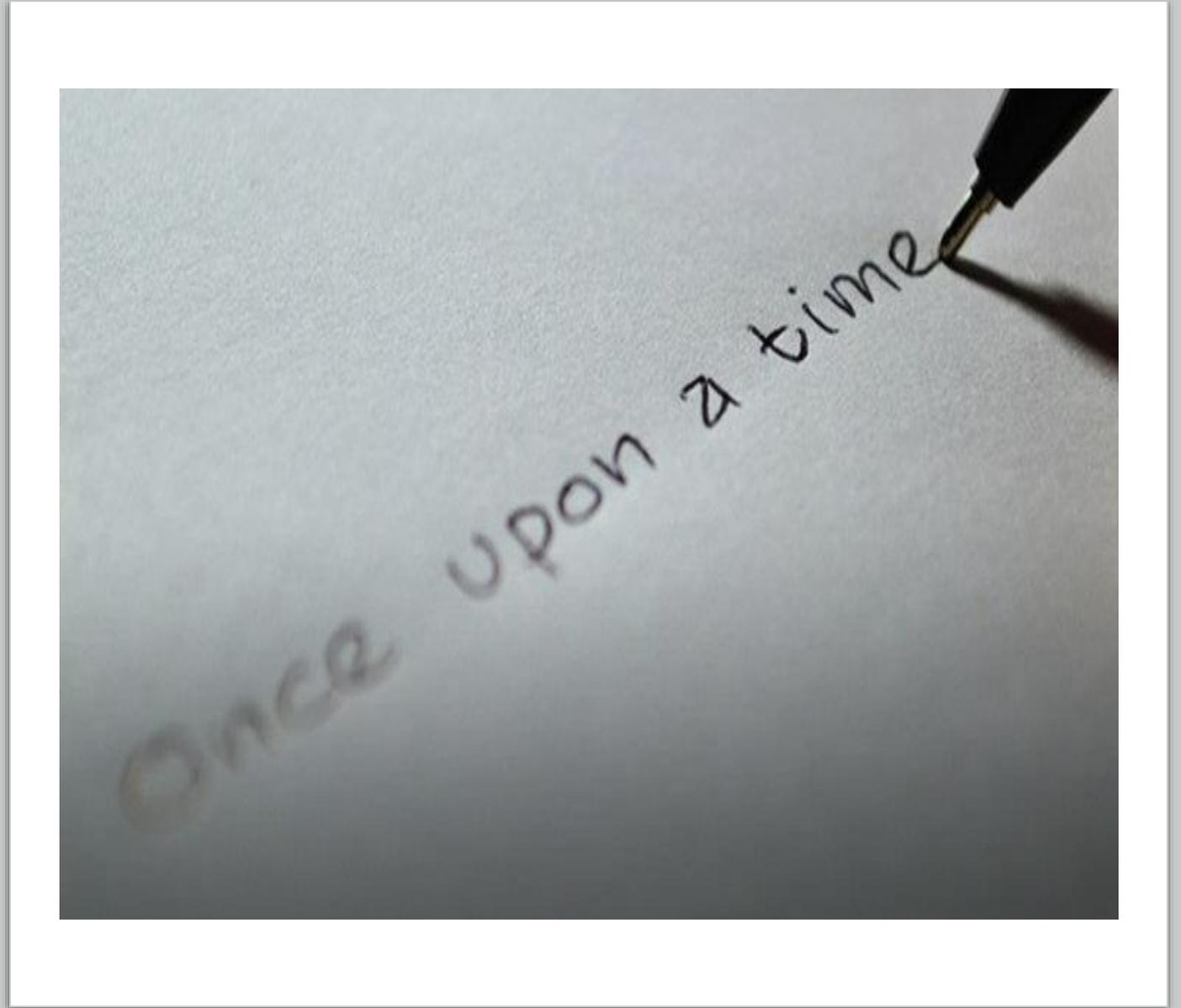
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joy

We also **love writing**, and make sure that we give you lots of opportunities to show off your creative writing skills – maybe writing suspense stories, or funny stories, or animal stories, or stories about talking vegetables. It has been known!



One of our favourite things to do is to investigate words and where they come from. **We love expanding our vocabulary** and think that it's one of the most important things you can take into your futures with you. Did you know that the word 'muscle' comes from the Latin 'musculus' which literally means 'little mouse'. That's because some muscles appeared to look like little mice under the skin!!



We're also very keen to hear your voices! (not while we're talking mind☺) We love a good debate and think that getting confident in debates is one of the best ways to learn how to express yourself in the world.



All of the units that we study have been carefully written to give you the confidence to make that transition from Year 6 to secondary school, and to give you the essential building blocks of further skills that you'll need to take you through to GCSE and beyond – because of course we'd also love to see you studying English Language, Literature or Media Studies with us, which you'll hear about in a minute!

You'll progress through skills of writing, analysis, interpretation and close reading, and you'll get more and more confident with debating and speaking presentations. Everything is created to give you a lifelong grounding in communication and expression – two of the main things that English is all about.

Your teachers are all experienced, friendly, and encouraging. They will always give you carefully worded feedback which means that you'll know what to do to make progress, even in areas that you're not at all confident about. That also means that when you get to GCSEs, you'll have a really good idea of what your strengths are and how to make the most of them.

It's not all about lesson time though... we have a fantastic enrichment programme which means that you can meet up with friends after school and join in one of many clubs and activities that we offer here on our English corridor. Take a look!

Love reading – and writing? Then join the **Review Club** – a book review group that writes feedback to real authors on their work. You get to keep the book too!



best book review
club ever



THE SHAKESPEARE CERTIFICATE

THIS ACKNOWLEDGES THAT

HAS READ 25 BOOKS SO FAR

English Reading Challenge

William Shakespeare, 'The Bard', is arguably the greatest dramatist the world has ever seen. His tales of tragedy, comedy and history have stood the test of time; his plays entertained 16th Century aristocrats and groundlings alike and remain well-loved today. He was also a prolific poet and wrote a sonnet sequence of 154 poems! He remains at the heart of our literary heritage.



2018-
2019

Are you a bookworm? Sign up to the **Reading Challenges** and get a certificate to show how dedicated you've been!



Love a good film to compare to a good book? **The Film of the Book club** is for you! See how the Harry Potter films made it from book to screen, and learn how screenplays are adapted and written!



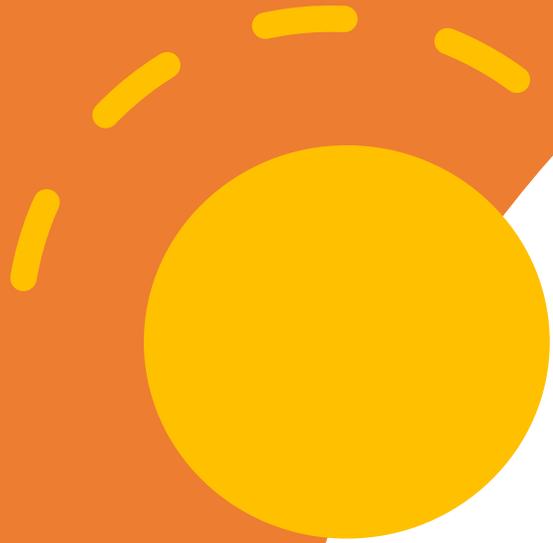
Have a great memory? Join in with the **Shakespeare Challenge!** Learn a speech from a Shakespeare play off by heart, and recite in front of an amazed audience!



Are you a mean
speller? (Or even
a nice one!) Join
the **Great Big
Malmesbury
Spelling Bee** and
see what the
buzz is all about!

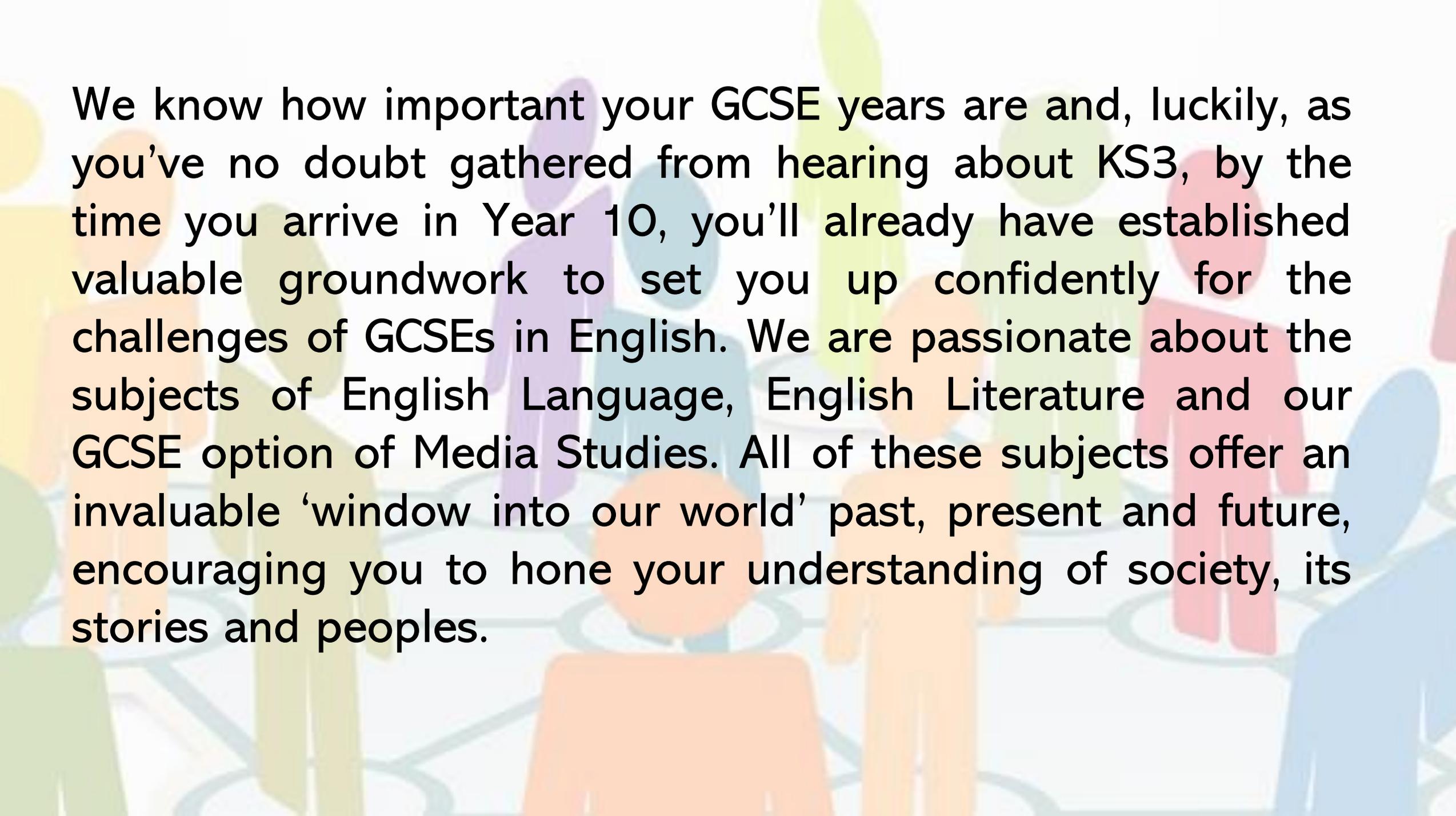


Want to see your name in print? Join the **QUILLS Club** and contribute to our **Christmas Anthology** where we'll be looking for short stories for our special Christmas Anthology – the ghostlier the better...!



**And what about
when you get to your
GCSEs?**



The background features a stylized illustration of a diverse group of people in various colors (orange, purple, blue, green, red) standing in a circle, connected by thin lines, suggesting a community or network. The text is overlaid on this background.

We know how important your GCSE years are and, luckily, as you've no doubt gathered from hearing about KS3, by the time you arrive in Year 10, you'll already have established valuable groundwork to set you up confidently for the challenges of GCSEs in English. We are passionate about the subjects of English Language, English Literature and our GCSE option of Media Studies. All of these subjects offer an invaluable 'window into our world' past, present and future, encouraging you to hone your understanding of society, its stories and peoples.



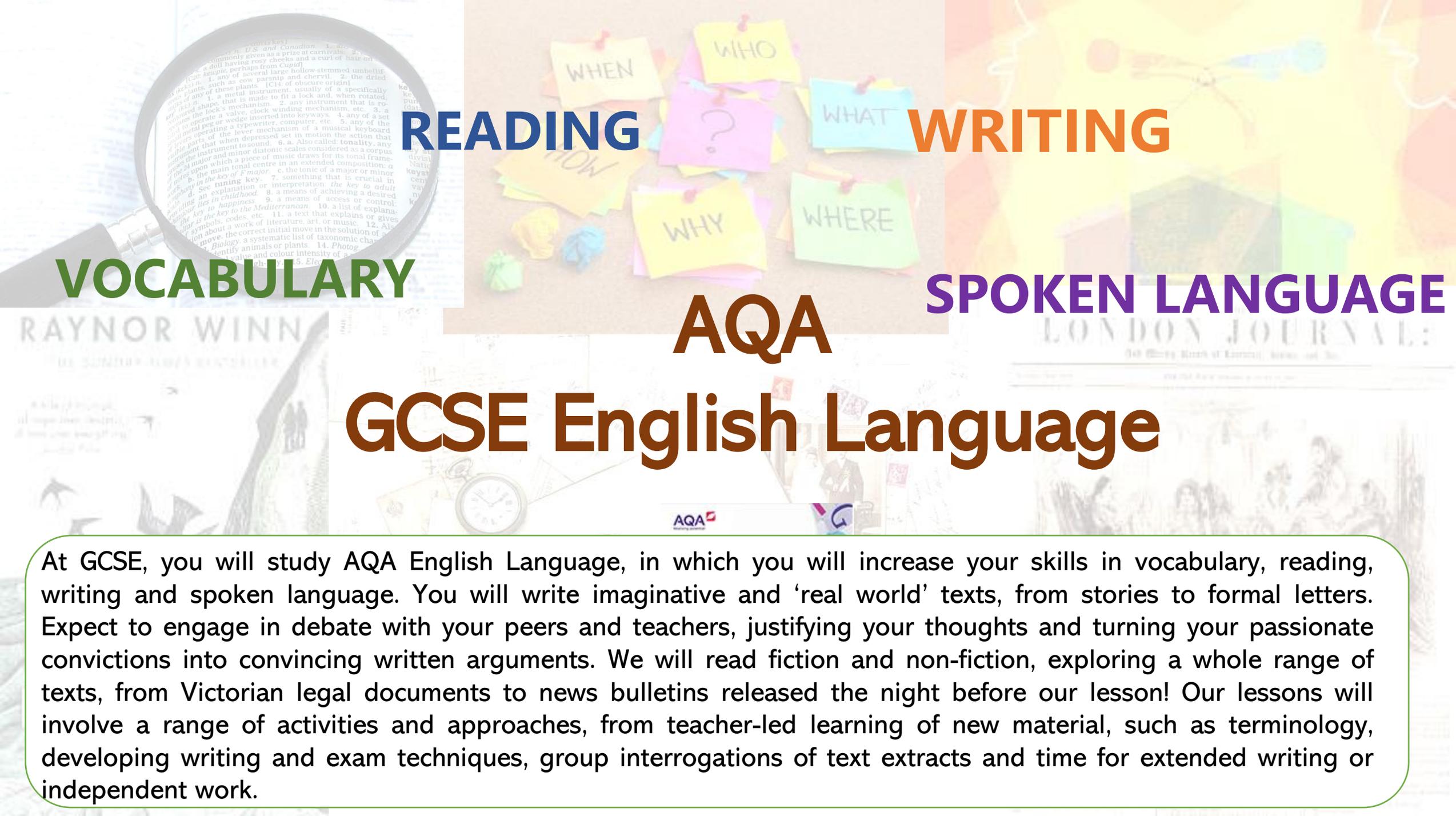
**GCSE
ENGLISH
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**GCSE
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**GCSE MEDIA
STUDIES**



READING

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SPOKEN LANGUAGE

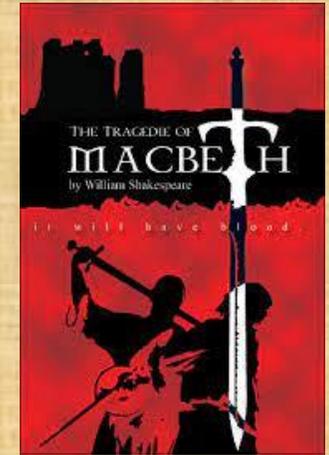
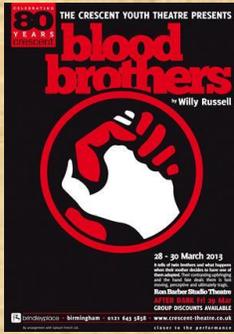
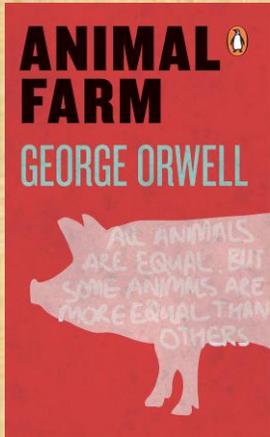
GCSE English Language

At GCSE, you will study AQA English Language, in which you will increase your skills in vocabulary, reading, writing and spoken language. You will write imaginative and 'real world' texts, from stories to formal letters. Expect to engage in debate with your peers and teachers, justifying your thoughts and turning your passionate convictions into convincing written arguments. We will read fiction and non-fiction, exploring a whole range of texts, from Victorian legal documents to news bulletins released the night before our lesson! Our lessons will involve a range of activities and approaches, from teacher-led learning of new material, such as terminology, developing writing and exam techniques, group interrogations of text extracts and time for extended writing or independent work.

We also follow the AQA specification for GCSE English Literature, with teachers choosing texts they love and are keen to share with their classes. We cover modern literature, such as *An Inspector Calls*, *Blood Brothers*, *Animal Farm* and *Lord of the Flies*, poetry from across the ages, a 19th century novel, such as *A Christmas Carol*, *Jekyll and Hyde* or *Frankenstein*. And, of course, no English course would be complete without some Shakespeare! We teach English Literature and English Language simultaneously so, as well as reading the texts together and sharing our insights, we will also seek out opportunities for creative writing stimulated by our reading, or context-research projects to explore the worlds and times that produced the texts we read.

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GCSE English Literature

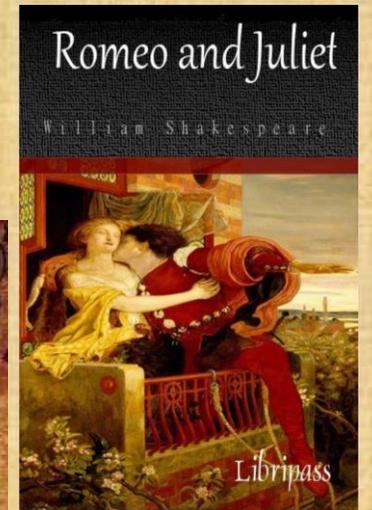
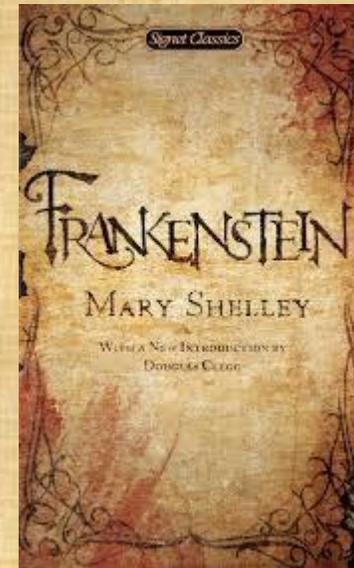
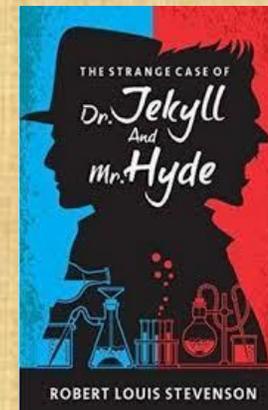
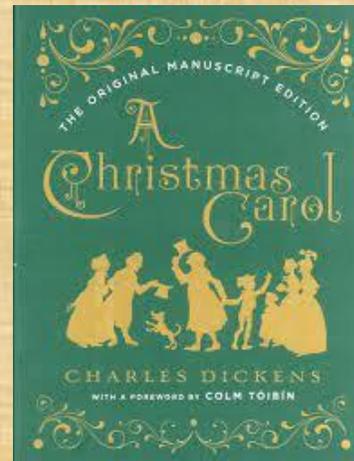
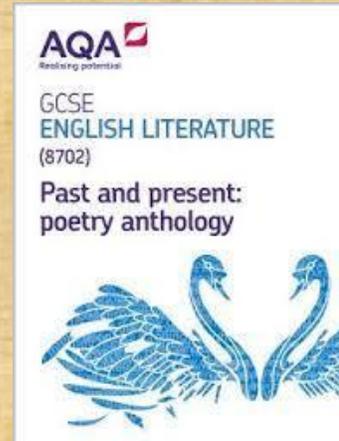
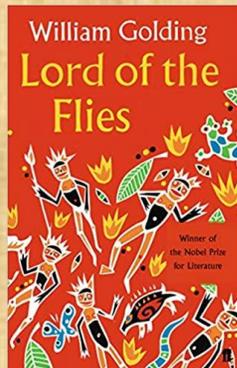
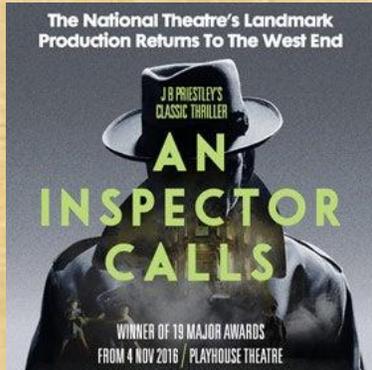


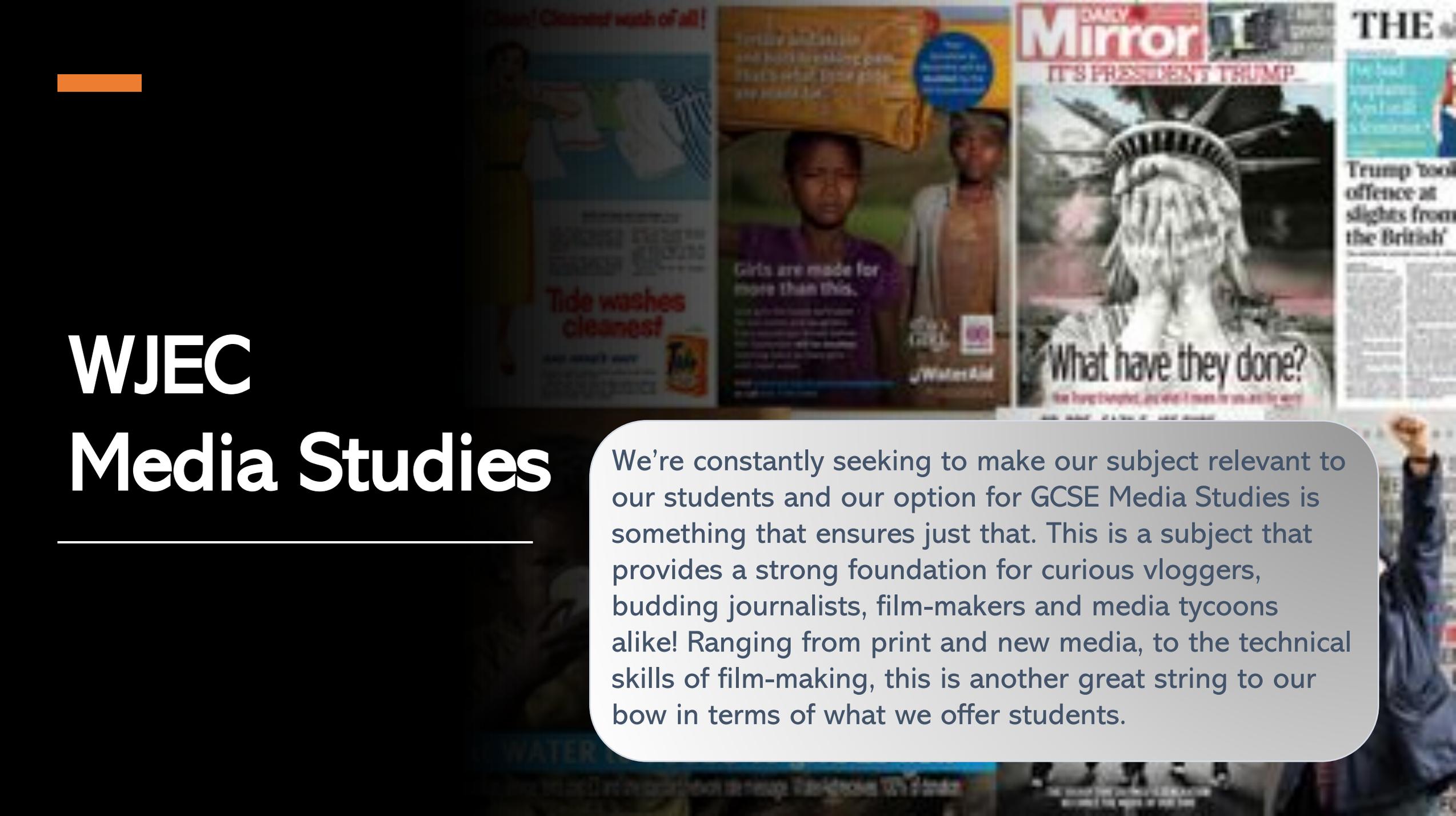
POETRY

SHAKESPEARE

MODERN

19th CENTURY NOVEL





WJEC Media Studies

We're constantly seeking to make our subject relevant to our students and our option for GCSE Media Studies is something that ensures just that. This is a subject that provides a strong foundation for curious vloggers, budding journalists, film-makers and media tycoons alike! Ranging from print and new media, to the technical skills of film-making, this is another great string to our bow in terms of what we offer students.

What our students say...

"English creates stories and conversations."

"When people read or write, there is unlimited stories to tell and explore and you can do all this while sitting down, in bed or even on the bus."

"English can move someone's ideas and motives; it can change a country."

"English lets us dream."

"English is like a painting: it has many hidden layers and messages."

"English is the foundation of communication and allows areas such as philosophy, science and community to flourish."

"Through different texts you can experience and look at the world in different ways."

With strong subject and examiner specialists, creative and dynamic teaching as well as ongoing rigorous support as you study and revise for your GCSEs, we know the English Faculty at Malmesbury will ensure you feel at ease with – and even enjoy! – embarking on these exciting years at Secondary School. So much so, I'm sure you'll want to extend the journey even further...



**So what about
A Level?!**

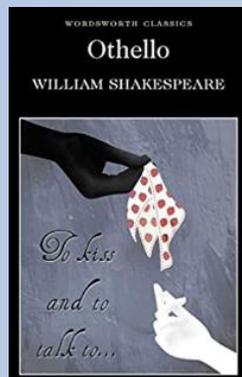
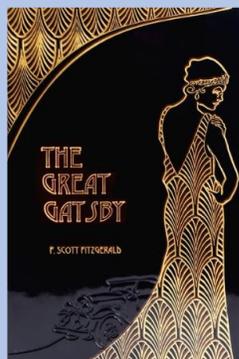


Film Studies!

6form Excellence Programme

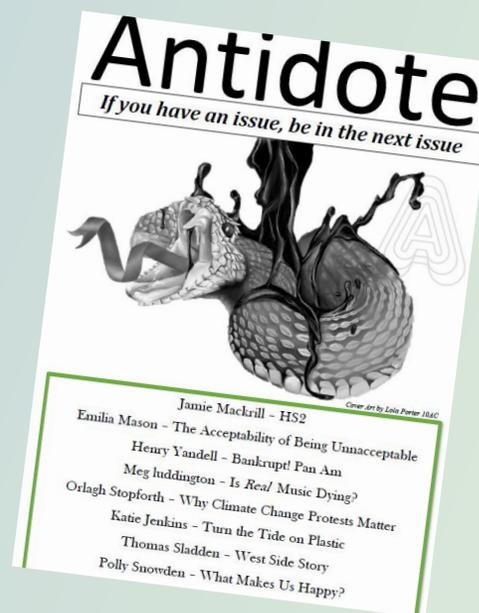


English Language Level!



English at KS5!

English Literature A Level!



Extra-Curricular!

Student Newspaper!



Creative Writing Club!

English Language A Level

We are obsessed with words in English and this obsession and curiosity continues in the form of **English Language at A Level**. On this course, we study things like: **Language Change** - learning how and why our crazy language has changed so much; **Child Language Acquisition** - where we study how, as babies, we learn to speak and we put today's newspapers, blogs, articles and speeches **under the microscope** exploring how language can be used to manipulate our ideas! As well as this, we study how to **harness the power of language** ourselves to become expert users of spoken and written English! From persuasive speeches that can change people's mindsets to humorous blogs that challenge stereotypes - we learn the tools needed to become the next generation's **wizards of words!**

English Literature A Level

As well as learning how we can **be the change** in the world and how people around us are cleverly crafting their ideas – we also offer the study of the best thing in the world – **books** – in more depth on our English Literature A Level Course! Here, we explore how life's big subjects - like **love** – are presented by some of the world's best writers – **Shakespeare, Austen, Hardy, Bronte (x3!), , Scott Fitzgerald, Plath, Morrison, Kesey, Walker...** and so many more!

In these lessons we get to **chat, debate, challenge and write** about our ideas on a range of fantastic stories, poems and plays. Could there be anything better?

Enrichment Opportunities

On top of our A Level subjects, we also offer a vast array of extra-curricular opportunities at KS5 that should help you to get ever closer to your dream jobs, be that as **authors, marketing-executives, lawyers, film directors, journalists** etc etc etc.! For instance, our sixth formers run the **Quills Creative Writing Club** and the Student Newspaper '**The Antidote**' – a chance for students to put pen to paper or finger to keyboard and express their ideas and opinions on topical issues and big events. Furthermore, as part of our Excellence Programme, you have the chance to take **Film Studies** where you get to watch and study British, American and European films and the option of either making your **own short film** or **screen play extract!**

There really is something for everyone to enjoy amidst our many KS5 English pathways. We hope you think so too and that we can see you in the future with **pen, book or even camera** in hand!



What our sixth
formers say
about English
at KS5!....

“I’ve **enjoyed English since Year 7**, particularly creative writing and studying classics. It’s been a great experience and **I can’t talk enough about how interesting and useful it has been.**”

“The Literature Course takes us from **Jacobean playhouses to the “blue gardens” of Gatsby’s mansion.**”

“English allows you to explore the wonderful **world of words** and **encourages personal expression.**”

“**English is helping me** gain detailed insights into the way people interact and **understand why I am constantly changing as a person.**”

“English Literature helped bring out my **love of books** that I never knew I had.”

We look forward
to meeting you
soon and sharing
the joys of
English!

