

## English

**Term:** Summer

**Year:** 8

**Teacher:** Ms Afshan Siddiqui

### What will we be covering this term?

**1<sup>st</sup> Half Term:** Students will be reading the classic novel 'The Count of Monte Cristo' by Alexandre Dumas. They will have the opportunity to examine the relationships between the characters and analyse the motives behind their actions. Pupils will also look at the different methods of writing story scenes through comic strip and transcripts. They will further assess the characters' different points of views and use this as an opportunity to write balanced arguments, developing the skill of looking at problems from different perspectives. They will further utilise this skill by analysing the purpose and features of advice columns and write their own. Students will further look at the features of film reviews and also write their own.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term:** Students will be looking closely at the Horror genre. They will analyse the features of Horror and the different types of plots. In-depth analysis will be made of how the fear and tension is created by writers, through the choice of language, phrases and sentence structure used. Students will then have the opportunity to write their own Horror story, taking on board all the characteristics and elements analysed.

### How will my child be assessed this term?

Homework as well as classwork is an integral part of ongoing assessment. Please refer to your child's timetable for the days when homework is given. Students will be expected to contribute to class discussions and have weekly spelling tests. Overall performance will influence end of year reports.

### How can I help my child in this subject?

Students will benefit from having a designated quiet space in which they can study. They should make a habit of working with a dictionary and thesaurus by their side. Please encourage your child to always read through their homework before handing it in as this will help them to self-correct any silly mistakes and is a vital element in their own self-assessment. Any missed homework will be flagged up through their diaries, so please do check them. Personal reading habits should also be encouraged; even ten minutes a day will improve their standard of English.

### Who do I contact if I have concerns about my child's progress in this subject?

Please feel free to contact me at the school from 9.00-12:30 if you have any questions or concerns.