English—Key Stage 3—Year 7



	Units	Assessment
	The first term in Y7 is designed to help students apply their existing Literacy skills (from primary school) to the more challenging expectations of secondary English. Throughout Y7 students will have one fortnightly lesson that builds on their knowledge of literary and cultural references, as well as developing their writing skills.	These usually take place towards the end of each half term. Marks for each assessment focus are recorded on G4S. All assessments are closed book.
Autumn	Growing Up 1	Writing – class assessment
	Develop your writing skills and learn to apply these to autobiography and biography. Reflect on your own childhood and the childhood of others and use this to inform your writing.	Write a section of your own autobiography
	Growing Up 2	Literature – class assessment
	Read a contemporary novel and learn to analyse how a writer creates character. Begin to consider how writers use language and structure to create meaning.	Analyse how character is presented in an extract from the contemporary novel you have studied.
Spring	Stories From Around the World 1	Literature – class assessment
	Learn to appreciate stories from different countries and cultures. Analyse how authors present their culture in their writing.	Analyse a short story in order to explain how the author presents his culture.
	Stories From Around the World 2	Writing—class assessment
	Research another country and its culture. Explore a range of artefacts from around the world. Develop your narrative writing skills to entertain your reader and create a sense of place.	Write a short story about another country and culture in third person.
Summer	Exploration of Genre	Literature—class assessment
	Study a variety of fiction texts and extracts from: fantasy, science fiction, adventure and the detective genres. Gain an understanding of how to write about genre in order to explore the context of a text.	Analyse an extract from 'Hound of the Baskervilles' by Arthur Conan Doyle
	Poetry Investigation	N/A
	Students explore a range of poetic forms and techniques.	