English Year 8 Long Term Plan

Weeks	Term	Topic	Knowledge	Skills
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	Autumn T1	Novel - school choice e.g. Of Mice and Men OR Great Expectations (abridged)	 Contextual Knowledge of the Victorian Era/ Depression Era. Narrative Structure. Themes. Characterisation and setting. Feminism. 	 Analysis of language and structure. Application of context. Complex Activity: Analytical Writing. Writing Genre: Analytical Essay.
9 10 11 12	Autumn T2	Narrative Writing – Character perspective / setting Reteach Week	 Characterisation. – Its function. Setting – Its function. Feminism. Freytag's pyramid PEE writing e.g. character or theme analysis	 Source Analysis – Comprehension of narrative structure/Analysis of language and structure. Writing for purpose. Complex Activity: Character perspective writing. Writing Genre: Descriptive writing.
14 15 16 17	Spring T1	Poetry – WW1 poetry	 Language, Form and Structure. Theme – power/ conflict. 	 Analysis of Language, Form and Structure. Application of context. Complex Activity: Analytical Writing. Writing Genre: Analytical Essay.
18 19 20 21	Spring T2	Non Fiction – persuasive writing Famous Speeches and letters (War theme – Churchill/ Obama)	 Form, Audience and Purpose. Persuasive Techniques. 	 Source Analysis - Analysis of language. Evaluation of writer's perspective. Selection of information. Use of subject terminology. Complex Activity: Language - speech or letter Writing Genre: Writing for purpose

22 23 24 25 26	Summer T1	Short Stories 19 th Century OR	 Contextual knowledge on Victorian Era – Themes and Tropes. Characterisation and Setting. Theme, character, staging. 	 Source Analysis – Comprehension of narrative structure/Analysis of language and structure. Writing for purpose. Complex Activity: Descriptive Writing. Writing Genre: Writing monologues.
27 28		Play – Frankenstein (gothic)		
29 30 31		Narrative writing openings and setting	 Beginning, middle and end. Structural techniques. Freytag's pyramid. 	 Analysis of language and structure. Application of context. Complex Activity: Descriptive writing Writing Genre: Writing openings
32 33 34 35 36 37 38	Summer T2	Shakespeare - Romeo and Juliet	 Contextual Knowledge of the Jacobean Era. Themes. Characterisation and setting. Feminism deep teach. Language/Structure and Form. 	 Analysis of Language, Form and Structure. Application of context. Writing genre: Essay writing – analytical
39 40		Reteach week	Narrative writing – effective story opening	

NOTE: Macbeth agreed as preferred text for Key Stage 4