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 a 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 Spring Term Summer Term**

**Focus Focus Focus**

**Year 7 Toynbee so Far My Favourite Book Life in as a Teenager**

**Presentation date 8th October 4th March (World Book Day: 7th March) 10th June**

**Week beginning**

**Myths & Legends**

**3rd December**

**Year 8 Real Crime Poetry on theme of Conflict Shakespeare – an extract**

**from a play or poem**

**Presentation date**

**Week beginning 29th October 4th March 10th June**

**Year 9 Gothic Writing The Importance of the Curriculum GCSE Presentation**

**Presentation date:**

**Week beginning 29th October 4th March 10th June**