

September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are very proud to announce that Townley Grammar School has been selected as a Pearson 'Lit in Colour Pioneer' school which we feel is reflective of our inclusive curriculum and the shared ethos of the English Department. It is our aim to study and discuss texts where every student can see themselves reflected in the literature we teach.

As a result of this, there may be texts on our curriculum which students find provoking and sometimes shocking – many of these texts are recommended by exam boards and some contain language we would not see or hear in everyday life. We would like to take this opportunity to reassure parents and carers that when we come across any type of challenging language, we approach it with sensitivity and nuance. We do not advocate the use of offensive language of any kind in the classroom and it is our department policy not to speak these words aloud, but on occasion we will be asked to critique a writer's choice of vocabulary. We will always teach our students how to approach this in a mature and sophisticated way and which is in line with the school's policy on Equality, Diversity and Inclusion.

The texts we have chosen are selected purposefully, with the intention of celebrating difference and critiquing stereotypes. We have thought carefully about how our curriculum is sequenced with a love of literature rooted firmly at its midst. Your young person will learn how to develop their own critical voice and style and read widely through different cultures and time periods.

For context, I have included our English Department Mission Statement along with our programmes of study. If you do have anything you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact me. We believe strongly in listening to our students, parents and carers and view our curriculum as always evolving.

We sincerely hope that your son or daughter enjoys the new changes that are ahead of them in English Literature; we are certainly looking forward to teaching them.

If you have any questions concerning the above or would like to discuss our vision, please do contact myself, Mrs H Ronan (Curriculum Lead for English and Film) at hronan@townleygrammar.org.uk or on 0208 304 8311 and I would be more than happy to hear from you.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs H Ronan
Curriculum Lead for English and Film

Programmes of Study:

KS3	Year 7 English	Year 8 English	Year 9 English
Autumn	Storytelling: Origins and Fairytales Poetry: Poetry and Culture	Prose: Animal Farm <i>or</i> A Monster Calls Poetry: Conflict poetry	Play: An Inspector Calls A Taste of Honey Poetry: Protest poetry
Spring	Play/Prose: Frankenstein Empress and Aniya Non-fiction: Advertising	Shakespeare: Romeo and Juliet <i>or</i> A Midsummer Night's Dream <i>or</i> Twelfth Night Creative writing: Voices for Change	Shakespeare: The Tempest <i>or</i> Much Ado About Nothing Film and Media: The Teenage Experience
Summer	Shakespeare: Anthology	Short Stories: Diverse shorts Sound of Thunder	Prose: Children of Blood and Bone
KS4	Year 10 English Language (AQA) and Literature (Edexcel)		Year 11 English Language (AQA) and Literature (AQA)
Autumn	Main: Modern prose text Identity unit – Creative writing		Main: Shakespeare Poetry anthology
Spring:	Modern prose text/19 th Century text Section A Lang 1 and 2		Shakespeare Poetry anthology
Summer	19 th Century text Spoken Language endorsement		Formal examinations
KS5	Year 12 English Literature (Edexcel)		Year 13 English Literature (Edexcel)
Autumn	Drama: Othello Drama: A Streetcar Named Desire		Prose: Mrs Dalloway Poetry: Keats
Spring	Year 12 mock exams Poetry: Contemporary Coursework: Studied text plus student text choice.		Prose: Wuthering Heights Poetry: Keats
Summer	Poetry: Contemporary Coursework: Studied text plus student text choice.		Formal examinations