NEWSLETTER

SMCA ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

St. Mary's Catholic Academy

YEAR 10: PARENT UPDATE

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ENGLISH THIS TERM?

We hope that you had a wonderful summer holiday and that you were able to enjoy the sunshine with friends and family. Now that staff and students have settled into the new school year, we wanted to give you an update on what is happening in English over the upcoming weeks. Take a look at what your child is studying, extra-curricular opportunities and how you can support them on their GCSE English Language and Literature journey.

MTG

Your son/daughter will now have been given their Minimum Target Grade (MTG). This is calculated from their KS2 data and represents the minimum grade they should strive to achieve. We encourage all students to view their MTG as a starting point rather than a ceiling and to aim even higher. We have therefore asked them all to set themselves an aspirational target grade too!

CURRENT MODULE:

ENGLISH LITERATURE: WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE'S *ROMEO AND JULIET*

Since September, students have been studying their Shakespeare text – Romeo and Juliet. All students read/watched the play in Year 9, exploring plot, character and context. We are now analysing the play in greater depth and learning how to approach exam questions. Students will be developing their language analysis skills and practising extended writing, building their confidence in essay writing.

KEY VOCABULARY

- Elizabethan
- Fate
- Patriarchy
- Unrequited
- Melancholy
- Soliloquy

UPCOMING

OCTOBER 22

Julius Caesar RSC Performance

W/C NOVEMBER 16

Romeo and Juliet Summative Assessment

NEXT MODULE: W/C NOVEMBER 16

Students will move on to study for English Language: Paper 1 - Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing. We will explore a range of prose texts, under the theme of *'From Page to Screen'*, analysing language and structure and evaluating writers' techniques. Students all develop their own ability to write creatively.

DIGITAL THEATRE+

RSC ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY

Students have access to hundreds of theatre performance recordings, including romeo and juliet. all they need is their school email to log in.