Year 8

AUTUMN 1	AUTUMN 2	SPRING 1	SPRING 2	SUMMER 1 AND 2
. Flash Fiction Focus on creative writing in response to variety of stimuli, under timed conditions, building skills needed for GCSE Language. Students also analyse 'flash fiction' from other contemporary and literary heritage writers	Rhetoric: Speeches from Shakespeare's 'Henry V', 'Julius Caesar', 'Merchant of Venice' PLUS — range of non-fiction speeches eg Obama, Martin Luther King.		Place Poetry A selection of poems from the outgoing GCSE cluster including some 19 th century poems.	Of Mice and Men/Novel Links to 19 th century non- fiction to be made as part of the scheme. Point of view to be taught.
Key Focus: Building on the short stories unit from Year 7. Developing students' ability to write creatively and analyse in timed conditions.	Key Focus: the language of rhetoric in persuasive speeches	Key Focus: To introduce different text types and consider how attitudes are shaped	Key Focus: - Building on poetry from Year 7. Developing exam skills to include closed book response.	Key Focus: Developing PEA skills. Also to develop links between fiction and non-fiction texts.
. Key Tasks: R: Analysis of 'flash fiction' texts, focusing on language analysis W: produce flash fiction based on a stimulus	Key Tasks: R: a comparison of 2 speeches, Shakespeare/non-fic W: Produce a rhetorical speech	Key Tasks: R: Analysis of key texts (focus on attitudes/lang) W: what do we understand by the word 'culture'?	Key Tasks: R: Unseen poetry analysis W: Creative/narrative writing with a line of poetry as a title (possible flash fiction)	Key Tasks: R: PEA analysis of theme from novel using closed book model. W: Write an 'Epilogue' – using a character returning to a key 'setting' (scene/place).
Threshold Concepts: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	Threshold Concepts: 1, 2, 3, 5, 7	Threshold Concepts: 2, 3, 4, 7	Threshold Concepts: 2, 5, 6, 7	Threshold Concepts: 1, 2, 3, 5, 7