

SUPER-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Pre-GCSE: English Year 9

 Use the internet to find out some of the best methods of describing place and setting . Are there websites or YouTube tutorials that could coach you?	 Write a short summary in your own words of the plot of 'Macbeth'. You don't have to have read it! But you can find out about the plot at Spark Notes Macbeth online.	 Write a short play about the eventual defeat of a cruel and tyrannical ruler or dictator.
 Write a four-paragraph newspaper article in which you explain your support or opposition for something you care deeply about.	 Use the internet to find out some of the best methods of getting across an opinion, point of view, argument or perspective. Are there websites or YouTube tutorials that could coach you?	 Regularly read non-fiction. You can find plenty on-line. Biography, autobiography, travel writing, feature articles are all good places to start.
 Use YouTube to watch clips or scenes from 'Macbeth' from various stage versions of the play. Consult with your parents about watching a filmed version of the play. Warning: some of these can be rather gory.	 Research the life and work of Charles Dickens. What were his views on the very substantial levels of poverty found in Victorian England?	 Research the life and work of William Shakespeare. What did people in Shakespeare's day mean or think when they spoke of 'The Divine Right of Kings'?
 Design an artistic or fun wall-poster in which you explain the rules and uses of every form of punctuation.	 Design the set and choose the cast for a stage production of any Shakespeare play you choose.	 Write a four-paragraph description of a place you long to be in.
 Read plenty of fiction regularly. Go way beyond books written for children and young people. Consult with your parents about books written for adults that you might be interested in.	 Write a description of something you have done recently in which you correctly use the full range of punctuation .	 Regularly read the feature articles (not necessarily the news stories on the main pages, but the articles about life-style, opinions, travel, hobbies in the later pages) in online newspaper websites.

	Reading task		Creative task		Watching task		Student-led task
	Research task		Writing task		Listening task		Trip or visit