



Alsager School
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Alsager English
Department

How to support your child in Year 8 - English

General

When supporting your child with their home learning, please refer to the notes that they will have made in lesson in their red notebooks. All of the content that they will need to succeed will be recorded in this book.

The purple assessment book is where all marked work is located. Looking back on previous assessments at strengths and targets can also help your child in improving their work.

Grades, strengths and targets are also located on your child's flight path sheet, which should be stuck in the front of their purple book.

Bedrock Vocabulary

All students in Y7-9 are given access to Bedrock Vocabulary: <https://app.bedrocklearning.org/> a fantastic app that works with your child to increase their vocabulary knowledge and application. Students have their passwords and usernames recorded in their planners and are expected to complete a minimum of two sessions per week as part of their homework. Should you wish to create a parent account, allowing you to monitor your child's progress and explore the vocabulary that they are currently learning, you will need your child's log in information, along with a parent access code (again, found in your child's planner). Further guidance can be found on the links below:

Parents' guide to using Bedrock at home

<https://bedrocklearning.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Parents%E2%80%99-guide-to-using-Bedrock-at-home-parents-of-school-users-5e9c7ef847935.pdf?>

Parents of Bedrock School Users

https://bedrocklearning.org/parents-of-bedrock-school-users/?utm_source=Bedrock+Learning+Master+Audience&utm_campaign

Suggested Reading

Throughout the year, your child will be studying a range of topics and themes. In order to help to expand their learning, please find a list of books that your child may enjoy:

Diversity:

Two Weeks with the Queen – Morris Gleitzman

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry – Mildred D. Taylor

The Hate U Give – Angie Thomas

I am Malala - Malala Yousafzai

The Boy at the Back of the Class – Onjali Q. Raúf

Dystopia:

The Divergent Trilogy - Veronica Roth
The Maze Runner Trilogy - James Dashner
Never Let me Go - Kazuo Ishiguro
Unwind series - Neal Shusterman
Legend - Marie Lu
Vox - Christina Dalcher
I am Legend - Richard Matheson

Gothic:

Frankenstein - Mary Shelley
Jayne Eyre - Charlotte Bronte
Dracula - Bram Stoker
The Turn of the Screw - Henry James
The Fall of the House of Usher - Edgar Allen Poe

Charles Dickens:

Any text by Charles Dickens

Other links

These other links below can provide you with more information on the topics that you have been studying. Use these to do wider research, or to assist you when completing homework tasks.

Diversity:

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/znbrpg8/articles/zk79t39>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/zc7b4wx>
- <https://malala.org/>
- <https://www.stonewall.org.uk/>

Gothic:

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zybytrd>

Dystopian:

- <https://deepundergroundpoetry.com/poems/dystopia/>
- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCphTF9wHwhCt-Bzlq-s4V-g>
- <https://www.britannica.com/list/10-devastating-dystopias>

Homework Booklets:

Links to be added

Knowledge Organisers:

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