

English Supercurriculum

Year 7

Before students come to Vyners School, they are invited to explore the Supercurriculum by completing the [Year 7 Induction Enrichment Project](#).

In the Autumn Term, students will be studying a unit called, Conflict and Revolution, so they can
Read: *Boy* and *Going Solo* by Roald Dahl or *I am Malala*, *Great Walk to Freedom*, *Memoirs of a Child Soldier* or *Anne Frank's Diary*.

Visit: Visit the Imperial War Museum or Churchill's War Rooms

In the Spring Term, students will be studying a unit on Shakespearean Comedies, so they can
Read: *There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom* by Louis Sachar, *Faking It* by Pete Johnson, or *Thank you for your Application:* by John Kirkbridge

Visit: The Globe Theatre (or The Swan Theatre in Stratford Upon Avon) and watch a production of one of Shakespeare's comedies.

In the Summer Term, students will be studying a unit called, The World Around Us, so they can
Read: *Rabbit Proof Fence* by Doris Pilkington, *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck

Visit: Attend a poetry event from <http://poetrylondon.co.uk/listings/>

Over the Summer Holiday, students could prepare for Year 8 by

Reading: *The Hound of the Baskervilles* by Arthur Conan Doyle or *Down and Out in Paris and London* by George Orwell

Visiting: The Tower of London

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In the Autumn Term, students will be studying a unit called, The Gothic, so they can

Read: *Oliver Twist* by Charles Dickens

Visit: Watch a performance of *The Woman in Black* at the theatre

Visit: The Dickens Museum

In the Spring Term, students will be studying a unit on Shakespearean Tragedies, so they can
Read: *Noughts and Crosses* by Malorie Blackman

Visit: Watch a production of *Romeo and Juliet* or *West Side Story* - google what's on near you

In the Summer Term, students will be studying a unit called, Adventure and Exploration, so they can

Read: *The Adventure of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain

Visit: The Natural History Museum or The Science Museum (both near South Kensington tube)

Over the Summer Holiday, students could prepare for Year 9 by

Reading: *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee

Visiting: The British Museum

For ideas and help for a child who is a reluctant reader, please visit:

<https://www.englishandmedia.co.uk/blog/60-great-books-for-reluctant-readers-at-ks3>

KS4 and KS5:

Resources:

<https://www.bl.uk/events?audience=secondary%20schools%20and%20colleges> / <https://www.bl.uk/teaching-resources?teachingsubject=english-literature> / <https://www.bl.uk/teaching-resources?teachingsubject=english%20language> Some brilliant British Library resources to delve into on your set texts in Literature to help you explore them in more depth.

<https://www.rsc.org.uk/shakespeare-learning-zone/> The Royal Shakespeare Company add new videos every half term.

<https://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/young-people> Some lovely resources here, cheap tickets, as well as ongoing opportunities for students to take part in workshops for 16-21 year olds.

<https://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/english/about/outreach> is a link to the English Faculty Library in Oxford. There are free resources. For example, WWI War Poetry Digital Archives

Podcasts:

There is a podcast on Spotify called, The Revision Pod <https://open.spotify.com/show/44HEihs90Bo73mc9OQRbq5>
They provide extracts and questions.

Stephen Fry's Victorian Secrets on Amazon's Audible is a treasure trove of scintillating facts about the Victorian era; ideal to help you picture Stevenson's/Dickens' world for your GCSE 19th c. novel. <https://www.amazon.com/Stephen-Frys-Victorian-Secrets-Original/dp/B07JHFLJQB>

Performances:

Of course, go and see a Shakespeare play at the Globe Theatre on London's Southbank or Swan Theatre in Stratford Upon Avon.

<http://www.intermissionyouththeatre.co.uk/whats-on> Intermission Youth Theater works closely with our hub for the RSC. They take Shakespeare's play and adapt it to what is occurring in the world now.

<https://www.mousetrap.org.uk/index.php/young-people.html> they offer super cheap tickets to West End shows, as well as some from the RSC and The National Theatre.

Literary Tours:

<https://www.jack-the-ripper-tour.com/other-walks/>

<https://www.dickenslondontours.co.uk/>

Visits:

<https://www.bl.uk/events/treasures-of-the-british-library> Visit The British Library website and research an author you are interested in. Complete a fact sheet on them.

Visit a museum or gallery and do a creative writing piece based on paintings and objects e.g. The National Portrait Gallery, The Tate, The Tate Modern, The Imperial War Museum.

<https://www.iwm.org.uk/learning/resources> Lots of lovely Art/History crossover here at The Imperial War Museum, the Art exhibitions are great talking points for older years and the Power and Conflict anthology looking at how war can be presented, or just a nice talking point.

<https://www.vam.ac.uk/info/teachers-resources-for-secondary-schools-and-colleges> My favourite museum, art, design and culture. Scroll down to the section, "Performing Arts, Media and English" and print out some of the activity sheets to complete while you visit the museum.