

YEAR 8 Homework – Extension activities to complement homework tasks set as part of normal English lessons:

Year 8	
Unit 1 – Novel – developing reading and writing skills	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Borrow a book from the library – select one from the <i>Accelerated Reading Programme</i>. The librarian will explain where these books are; once you have read the book you can complete a quiz on the computers that assesses your knowledge and understanding of the book. 2) Design and create a story / picture book for a toddler that teaches them about road safety. 3) Choose a recent news story, from a national or local paper, and turn it into a narrative. 4) Write an obituary for your favourite character. 5) Turn an event from the novel into a front page news report.
Unit 2 – Media – Advertising Unit 2 – Media - Advertising Unit 2 – Media – Advertising	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Label parts of an advert or a sweet wrapper. 2) Which is your favourite television advert and why? 3) List the different types of adverts on TV at 6pm and then at 8pm. What different types of adverts are shown? Why do you think this is the case? 4) What celebrities are used in television / radio and magazine adverts to `sell` products? Why do you think they are used for these products or services?
Unit 3 – Shakespeare – an introduction to the man and his work.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) During the half term produce a mini-project about William Shakespeare: his life, his work, the time in which he lived. Handwrite the project and do not take huge chunks of text off internet sites or encyclopaedia pages – write your own work! 2) Take the section of the play you have studied and turn it

	<p>into modern day English.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3) Decide upon a cast for your modern adaptation of a Shakespeare play. 4) Design costumes for characters in the play. Label these. 5) Produce a quiz about the play you have studied and / or Shakespeare.
Unit 4 – Poetry (including poetry from different cultures and traditions and poems that were written before 1914.)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Write a biographical fact card / file about a poet you are studying. 2) Create a dictionary of dialect words from Widnes / Merseyside. Try to find out more from places around the country. Make up a poem using these words. 3) Write a metaphor poem about an object but describe it and make it sound like an animal. 4) Find out as much as you can about the Poet Laureate.
Unit 5 – Exam preparation Unit 5 – Exam preparation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Describe a shopping centre in the dead of night – use similes, metaphors, alliteration and personification. Think about the vocabulary you are using and vary the types and structures of your sentences. 2) Explain how you would feel about moving to a new country to live. 3) Write an informative piece about how you should look after a pet animal. 4) Write a speech where you argue that homework should be banned!
Unit 6 – Drama	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Script the opening to a play where three characters are talking about an incident they were involved in that day at school but don't mention the actual incident. Stop before you actually say what it was they were involved in!