North Herts

Education Support Centre

Course Title
KS3 English
Overview
At the NHESC, every effort is made to ensure that students are provided with an English curriculum that is comparable to that which is experienced by their peers in mainstream schools. The development of good communication skills, both verbally and in writing is essential to student's success, in their education and in their future careers. Our students study a variety of different texts suited to their interests, engage in lessons that make use of diverse teaching approaches and learn how to express themselves in an appropriate way. Students are provided with regular and detailed feedback so that they can make progress and be prepared to sit their qualifications when they reach Key Stage 4. The support that we offer can greatly improve levels of attainment for the students in our care.
Outline of the Course
Students aim to improve their reading, writing, speaking and listening through engaging in a number of varied topic areas. These include reading a modern class text (e.g. Holes, Freak the Mighty, Stone Cold), studying some Shakespeare (Macbeth, Romeo and Juliet, A Midsummer Nights Dream) exploring poetry from other cultures, producing their own creative writing, looking at media texts and how they are created, as well creating a presentation on a subject of their choice.
Assessment details
Students are assessed throughout each topic that they study. This consists of a mid-point formative assessment and final summative assessment at the end of each unit of work. Students also receive regular marking and feedback for their work in class. Preparing them for a return to mainstream education or for the transition to our Key Stage 4 provision.
Staff Roles
Teachers – Mr Anson and Miss Charalambou
Equipment/Health and Safety
Class texts and all other necessary equipment is provided by the centre. Including access to ICT resources as necessary. Basic classroom health and safety expectations apply.

Curriculum Plan	
This table sets out the intended curriculum plan for KS3 English. The plan for each half term is reviewed in advance based on progress, taking into account the contrasting needs of individuals within each cohort and the impact of external factors on their learning.	
Key Stage 3	
Autumn 1 Class Novel – Stone Cold Shakespeare	**Autumn 2** Creative Writing – Horror Stories Shakespeare
Spring 1 Speaking and Listening Presentation Poetry from Other Cultures	**Spring 2** Writing the News – Non-Fiction Texts Poetry from Other Cultures
Summer 1 Modern Play – Our Day Out Preparation for English Literature	**Summer 2** Letter Writing – Persuasive Texts Preparation for English Literature