## Parent consultation Evening

Welcome to the English session

### Supporting your child with English







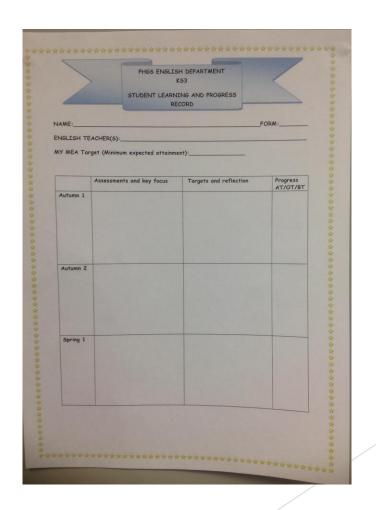
#### What is the purpose of this session?

► WHAT: To provide useful ideas to help you to support your child with English at home

- ► HOW: We have three areas for you to look at. Interpreting your child's English book, the importance of reading fiction and non-fiction and supporting spelling, punctuation and grammar skills
- ▶ WHY: So that school and parents can work closely together to develop English skills and get your feedback on the types of support that parents really need and want

#### Interpreting your child's English Book.

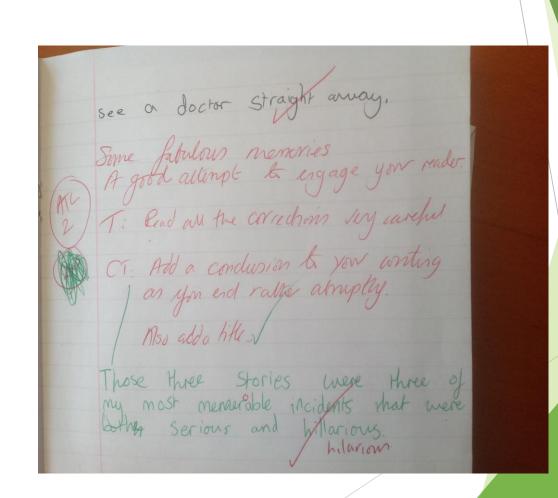
- Every student in Key Stage 3 will have a Student learning and Progress Record sheet stuck into the front of their book.
- Approximately every half term, teachers will complete at one reading, writing and spoken language assessment
- Students will be expected to record the feedback they are given and reflect on the skills they need to be working on next.

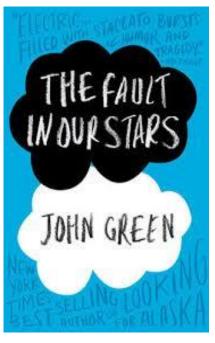


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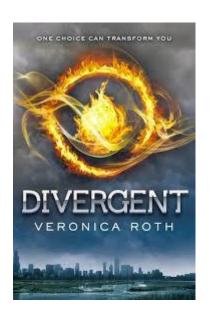
- On the table you will see copies of the blank Student Learning and progress record sheets
- A range of children's English books so you are able to see the types of comments and targets given and our use of Green penning
- Also you will find the new writing and reading matrixes and spoken language matrices which link to the G.C.S.E criteria.

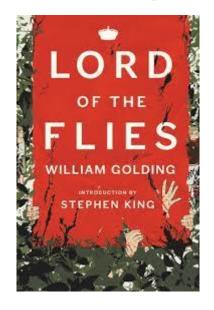
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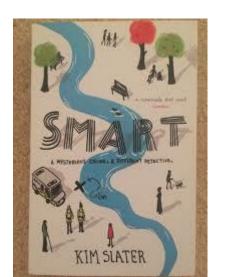


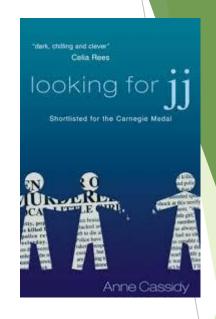


#### Get your child reading!

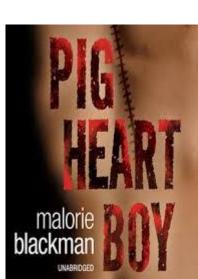












#### New English Curriculum at Key Stage 3

This curriculum first introduced in 2014 says children should be taught to:

▶ Develop an appreciation and love for reading, and read increasingly challenging material independently, through their reading of a wide range of fiction and nonfiction in years 7 to 9

The range will include high quality works from:

- ► English Literature, both pre-1914 and contemporary, including prose, poetry and drama
- Shakespeare (2 plays over the 3 years)
- ➤ Seminal world literature (previous texts such as Of Mice and Men have been removed form the G.C.S.E syllabus and can now be taught at Key Stage 3)

#### Reading fiction and non fiction

- Raising the profile of reading at home is a good way to ensure reading skills are developing in readiness for G.C.S.E. Let your offspring see you read!
- ► On the reading table you will find a reading list with suggestions from our staff and students. Also some recent suggestions from the Independent newspaper.
- ► The new G.C.S.E specification has a focus on 19<sup>th</sup> Century literature so your children will be introduced to more of this during Key Stage 3
- ► You will also find, on the table, an example of a G.C.S.E style question on a non fiction text, for you to have a go at.

# And finally...supporting your child's technical accuracy

- SPAG spelling, punctuation and grammar
- ► The new national curriculum for Key Stage 3 puts a lot of emphasis on students being able to proof read their own work
- Often students are so keen to get Home Learning out of the way, they don't spend the essential five minutes self correcting
- ➤ On the spelling, punctuation and grammar table you will find an example of a student's work. Have a go at correcting the writing, how many errors could the child have spotted if they had read it over?
- At home it is often very useful for parents to read over work and simply underline in pencil the errors for the child to sort out themselves
- You will also find a Tips for parents from the National Council of Teachers of English on how to help your teenager improve their writing and our proof reading check list

