Year 9 – English

Y9	Topic	Assessment	What parents can do to support
Term 1 15 weeks (until Christmas)	Gender Stereotypes	**Reading** • Students will read John Steinbeck's 'Of Mice and Men' as a class text. • Students will also explore unseen poetry based around gender and gender roles. **Writing** • Students will complete a letter to the editor of a local paper campaigning against gender stereotyping.	• Discuss the historical context of the text including snapshots of the Great Depression, Dustbowl, and Migration etc. • Watch the film together and discuss the characters and plot. • Discuss the term prejudice and the many forms it takes/effects it has. • Discuss how boys and girls are presented by the media. What stereotypes are being presented – toys, dress, colours etc
Term 2 13 weeks (until Easter)	Thematic study Victoriana	**Reading** • Extracts from 19th century texts including Oliver Twist. **Writing** • Narrative writing based on the title 'Alone'	• Watch some classic Dickens/C19th films together – Great Expectations, Oliver Twist, Jane Eyre and discuss what they show about life in 19th century Britain. • Encourage your child to read classic 19th century literature. • Discuss childhood and how important it is.
Term 3 15 weeks (until the end of the year)	Noughts and Crosses	**Reading** • They will be reading the play version of the text 'Noughts and Crosses' • They will be exploring the themes of racial bias and conflict in society **Writing** They will be writing a descriptive piece as well as a speech in preparation for KS4.	• Show them that you enjoy reading – let them see you with a book. • Discuss things about society they would like to be different and why this is. • Explore their opinion of racism in society and the effects of this.

Helpful Books / Study Materials:
Encourage as much reading as possible. This can be a variety of texts both online and in print. Accuracy in spelling, grammar and punctuation is very important. It may be worth investing in a SPAG skills book to best support your child.

Useful websites
BBC Bitesize
CGP books (SPAG) and language study
www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise