English Scheme of Learning
Year 8 – Term 3 Media and Non-fiction

Intent - Rationale

The media is a powerful force within society today and as such young people need to learn how it can affect people in the world they live in both positively and negatively. They need to be empowered to recognise the use of rhetoric in action so that they are equipped to evaluate the validity of what they read. Students will learn how language is used in the media to present the views and opinions of different groups within society. They will learn that language can be used to powerfully influence the ideas and perspectives of readers. They will learn to identify the features of rhetoric within editorial and opinion articles in the media today and to explain how such devices are deliberately used to sway the views of the reader. They will use rhetorical devices themselves to present their own opinions on a topic of their choice.

Sequencing – what prior learning does this topic build upon?	Sequencing – what subsequent learning does this topic feed into?	
Year 7 – whole year – understanding of figurative devices and writing techniques; Term 2 persuasive speeches, History of English Term 6 creation of non-fiction booklet Year 8 – Macbeth Term 1 Week 7 – non-fiction writing, newspaper skills	Year 9 – GCSE Language Paper 2 style analysis of 19 th century non-fiction texts Year 10 – GCSE Language Paper 2 Term 5 and 6 Year 11 – GCSE Language Paper 2 Revision KS5 – Units in English A level language– Language and Power	
What are the links with other subjects in the curriculum?	What are the links to SMSC, British Values and Careers?	
 Art – Graphic design The visual language of advertising Ethics and Philosophy Debates on gender and representation History – Propaganda and Kingly Decrees 	 SMSC – SP 1-4 M 3 C 1 Careers – (a) – communication of ideas and perspectives with clarity and cohesion. 	
What are the opportunities for developing literacy skills and developing learner confidence and enjoyment in reading?	What are the opportunities for developing mathematical skills?	
 Extended reading Private reading regularly in class using the ROOTED IN READING passport to extend and develop their appreciation of the written word and comprehension skills Students will develop the ability to determine the purposes of non-fiction texts and to engage with their content in a critical manner 	Students may use data and statistics as evidence to support their perspectives in persuasive writing tasks. They will evaluate data and statistics in the writing of others as evidence to validate their views.	

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Intent - Concepts

What knowledge will students gain and what skills will they develop as a consequence of this topic?

Know

To learn about rhetorical techniques within the media – with a focus on editorial and opinion articles

To learn how to organise ideas to present views in a powerful and compelling manner.

To know how to use of sentence types to foreground views e.g., using short sentences or fronted subordinate clauses to influence the reader

To know the four sentence moods/functions and how they can be used to influence in persuasive writing

To know the broad purposes of communication – to inform, to describe, to explain, to persuade, to argue to advise and to instruct

To recall how to paragraph effectively and explore the effects of single sentence/short paragraphs

Apply

Identify figurative techniques within the texts studied

Identify persuasive rhetorical techniques in the texts studied

To consider how sentence type might convey meaning

Determine the effects of the techniques identified and explain their intended effects on the reader

To create an opinion article of their own to convey their own perspectives on an issue of importance to them

To organise and structure their own writing to create cohesion

Extend

Determine the more subtle purposes of the texts and the perspectives of the writers on the topic they explore

Identify the implied opinions of the writers

To gain an awareness for the influential and potentially manipulative side of the media e.g. fake news

What subject specific language will be used and developed in this topic?	What opportunities are available for assessing the progress of students?
Figurative techniques	Week 2/3 – PETER paragraphs (peer assessed) AO1 AO2
Imagery	Week 5 – article for Teen Breathe – assessment AO5 AO6
Synonyms for demonstration of authorial perspective - present/reveal/show/ illustrate/ demonstrate/express/convey/suggest Sentence moods/functions- declarative, imperative, exclamatory, interrogative Sentence types – simple compound, complex, fronted subordinate clauses Blog, vlog, editorial, opinion, bias, objective, subjective Broadsheet, tabloid newspapers Perspective, point of view, ideas, views,	Tracking point: w/b 10 th January
Formality, colloquialism, slang, dialect	
Authorial Tone – e.g. formal, authoritative, friendly, educated, blunt, humorous, serious, grave,	
aggressive, appeasing, calming, cheerful, jaunty, confident, relaxed, chatty, conversational etc.	

	Lesson title	Non-negotiable content	Suggested activities and resources
	Why do people write for the media?	Exploration of what the media is	Lesson 1 Resources
		Discussion and exploration of why people write in the	
		media	Think/Pair/ share – recall of persuasive devices from Year 7
		Understanding of the main purposes of communication:	PowerPoint:_Techniques Recall
		persuade/argue, inform, explain, describe, instruct,	
		advise, entertain	Matching persuasive techniques activity from Teachit
		Revision of the features of persuasive writing	Creation of examples of persuasive techniques of their own. E.g. rule
			of three/ similes/metaphors/ personal pronouns/ flattery etc
	Different genres of persuasive writing	Introduction to different types of media writing which	Lesson 2 Resources
		presents opinion	Explore extracts from an book review/ film review/blogs/article from
		Identify the similarities and differences between the	Teen Breathe
		texts in terms of the linguistic devices used rather than	Identify the primary and secondary purposes of each of the texts
		the topic/content of the texts	
	Consideration of levels of formality in	Understanding of Standard English – subject verb	Lesson 3 Resources
	writing	agreement	Use scanned articles from the broad sheet – The Sunday Times and
[Colloquialisms/slang/formal/informal	Tabloid article from The Sunday Express and/or the travel writing
		Polysyllabic words	Blog article to explore different levels of formality in writing.
Week		Sophisticated vocabulary	
		High frequency vocabulary	
	'Just the fit'	Identification and labelling of persuasive devices in text	Lesson 4/5 Resources
	Lessons 1 and 2	Explanation of the effect of key persuasive devices in 1 or	Just the Fit article for all students
		2 PETER paragraphs	Peer work – identification of persuasive devices
		Creation of whole class success criteria for the PETER	Interpretation of the primary and secondary purposes of the articles
7		paragraphs	Students to create a success criteria card to be used as a book mark
		Peer assessment of PETER paragraphs using the success	and moved through their exercise book to support their effective use
Week		criteria	of PETER paragraphs
			Just the Fit article Link

	Sentence Moods	Revision of definitions of Noun/verb/adjective and adverb Introduction to the 4 sentence moods and their roles: declarative, imperative, interrogative and exclamatory. Identification of the 4 sentences moods 'Just the Fit' Make links between sentence moods and persuasive devices.	Lesson 6 Resources Use PP slide on sentence moods Students to copy the slide into their exercise books, using colour, as a resource to refer to. Students to create their own examples for each of the sentence moods and share them with the class. Divide the board into 4 sections and label each with a sentence mood and tell students to write their own examples into the appropriate section of the board Students to identify examples of nouns/verbs/ adjectives and nouns in their sentences too
	Silver Linings	Analysis of 'Silver Lining' article Identification of the primary purposes of the text/ some students will be able to identify the secondary purposes of the text too Identification of persuasive devices in the article Discussion of the effects of the persuasive devices on the reader	Lesson 7 Resources 'Silver Linings' Article
	Authorial tone	Understanding of what the term 'tone' means Understanding that a tone of an article might change as the article develops Analysis to determine the tone created in 'Silver Linings' 'Just the fit' and The Sunday Times article' Identify 2 or 3 language features which create the tone in each text	Lesson 8 Resources 'Silver Linings' article 'Just the fit' article The Sunday Times article Examples of adjectives to describe possible tones created: formal, authoritative, friendly, educated, blunt, humorous, serious, grave, aggressive, appeasing, calming, cheerful, jaunty, confident, relaxed, chatty, conversational etc.
Week 3	PETER paragraphs	PETER paragraphs to explain a tone created in each of the articles One paragraph for each of the articles using 1 example	Lesson 9 Resources Criteria from the previous PETER paragraphs should be used for this lesson The Paragraphs created can be either Peer, self, or teacher assessed
Week 4	'Get Grounded'	Analysis of 'Get Grounded' article Identification of the primary purposes of the text/ some students will be able to identify the secondary purposes of the text too Identification of the tone and the level of formality of the article Identification of persuasive devices in the article	'Get Grounded' article

		Discussion of the effects of the persuasive devices on the reader	
	'The Genuine article'	Analysis of 'The genuine article' article Identification of the primary purposes of the text/ some students will be able to identify the secondary purposes of the text too Identification of the tone and the level of formality of the article Identification of persuasive devices in the article Discussion of the effects of the persuasive devices on the reader	Lesson 11 'The genuine article' article
	What makes an effective debate?	Consideration of the purposes of a debate Exploration of the features of an effective debate	Lesson 12 Resources – Debate Students to discuss the purpose of a debate in their table groups and all notes their ideas Students should discuss the features of an effective debate: taking turns, active and careful listening to the views of others (NOT just waiting to have their own turn to speak) explaining their ideas further, seeking clarification from other debaters, elaborating, providing evidence/examples to justify their opinions etc
	Mini - debates	Students to use the features of an effective debate to discuss an issue of their choice. e.g. Wearing of uniform/ playing sports for wellbeing/ Eating less meat, Using less single use plastic Students should be encouraged to use a more formal vocabulary to explain their ideas and Standard English.	Students to discuss an issue of their choice in their table groups of 4 Students should take turns and consciously be seeking clarification of the views of others – Groups should use a chairperson and scribe to ensure that the issue is fully discussed and notes both for and against the issue are explored and noted
	Plan an article for Teen Breathe	Provide a copy of the mark scheme for creative writing with the students Students should create a success criteria for their article which includes a wide variety of persuasive devices. Discourse markers to structure their work – discuss discourse markers to add ideas to their argument and to explore ideas which challenge their argument too.	Provide a copy of the mark scheme for each of the students to refer to as they plan their writing. Students should highlight their own learning pathway and write their names on the sheets ready for teacher assessment. Remind students that they will need to spell accurately and therefore may use a dictionary to ensure that they have spelled more sophisticated vocabulary accurately thesaurus during their planning. Remind students of the importance of providing evidence for their ideas in the form of data/ anecdotes/ quotations from experts.
Week 5	Write an article for Teen Breathe	Share mark scheme from the Pupil Progress booklet with Students to write an article for Teen Breathe on a topic of their choice.	Write on lined paper – for teacher assessment

		They should write an introduction and at least 3 more paragraphs as well as a brief conclusion	
	SPAG Lesson	Nouns verbs adjectives and adverbs	SPAG book pages – Peer/Self assess using mark books
	SPAG Lesson	Sentence types – simple, compound, complex	SPAG Book pages – Peer/Self assess using mark books
Week 6	'Switch on, Tune in, Venture out'	Create a summary of the article in your own words. Answer the following question 'Do you agree with the ideas in this article or not?' Give reasons for your views and write your answer in full sentences. Identify the tone of the article and explain how the tone is created using 2 examples from the text.	'Switch on, Tune in, Venture out'