

Year 7 Parent Information Evening

The Journey



English in Secondary School

- Purpose
 - To develop students knowledge, understanding and skills in listening, reading, viewing, speaking, writing and creating.
 - To build on concepts, skills and processes developed in earlier years, by revisiting, strengthening and developing their skills and knowledge
 - To prepare students for future years.

Building well-rounded students

- Empathetic
- Self-reflecting
- Analytical
- Make sense of the world
- Build effective communication skills



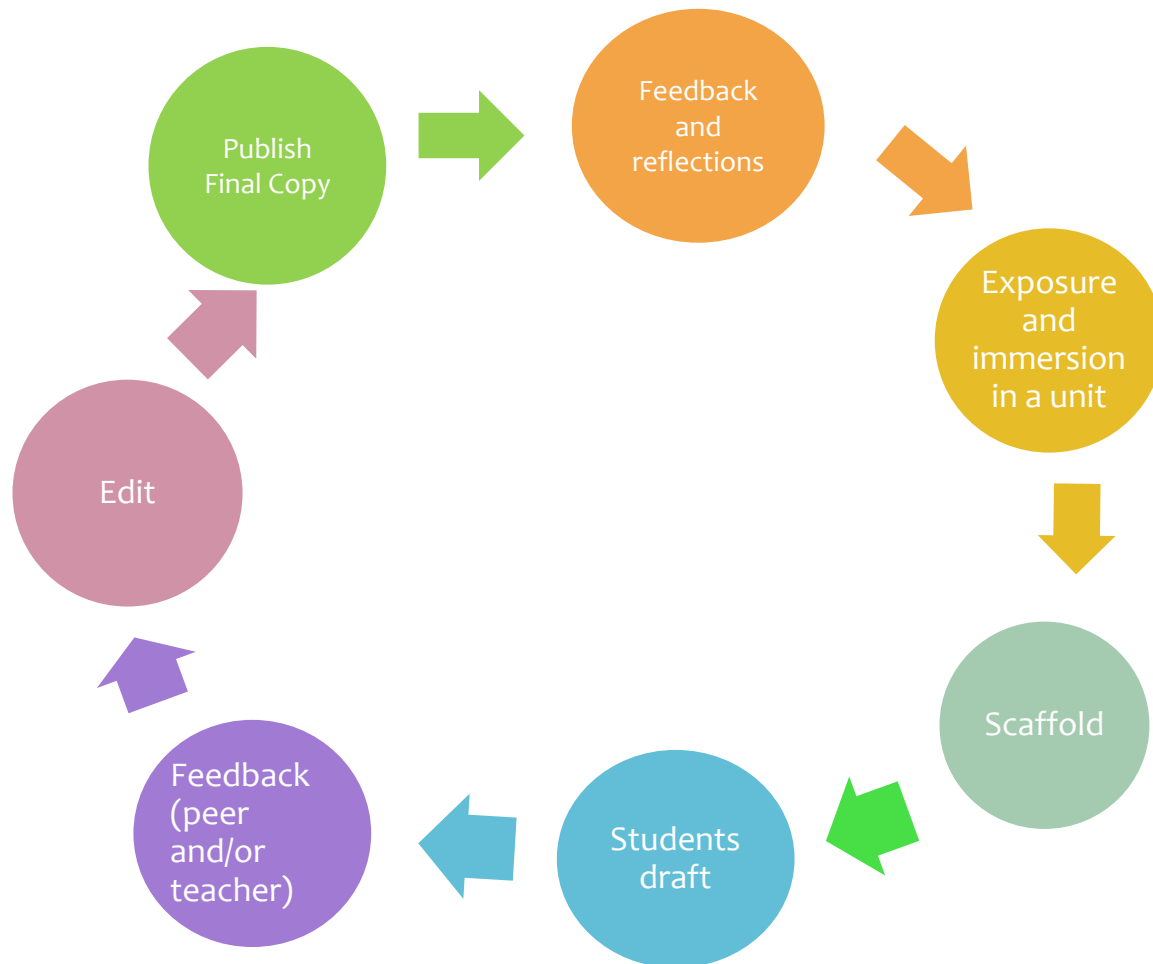
Skills in focus

- Improving spelling
- Increasing vocabulary
- Refining sentence and paragraph structures
- Building argument construction
- Understanding your audience
- Understanding structures that inform, persuade and entertain
- Building general knowledge

Year 7 Profile

- **Term 1** – Narrative Writing (Due: Week 8, last lesson)
- **Term 2** – Helping me help others – Persuasive Speech (Due: Week 9, last lesson)
- **Term 3** – Knowing the Novel – Analytical Paragraph Writing (Due: Week 8, last lesson)
- **Term 4** – Water; what is it good for? – Multi-modal poetry presentation (Due: Week 7, last lesson)

Assessment – The Learning Process



Assessment

Assessment Type	Draft	Final Copy
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English – a multi-pronged approach

- The Curriculum – classwork, assignments and homework
- Sustained silent reading – designated novels, ebooks, and reading material of own choice.
 - Fiction,
 - Non-fiction,
 - Graphic novels,
 - Magazines
- Literacy Lesson: Education Perfect, Spelling, Vocabulary Development
- Literacy Toolkit

Why Read?

How much students should read

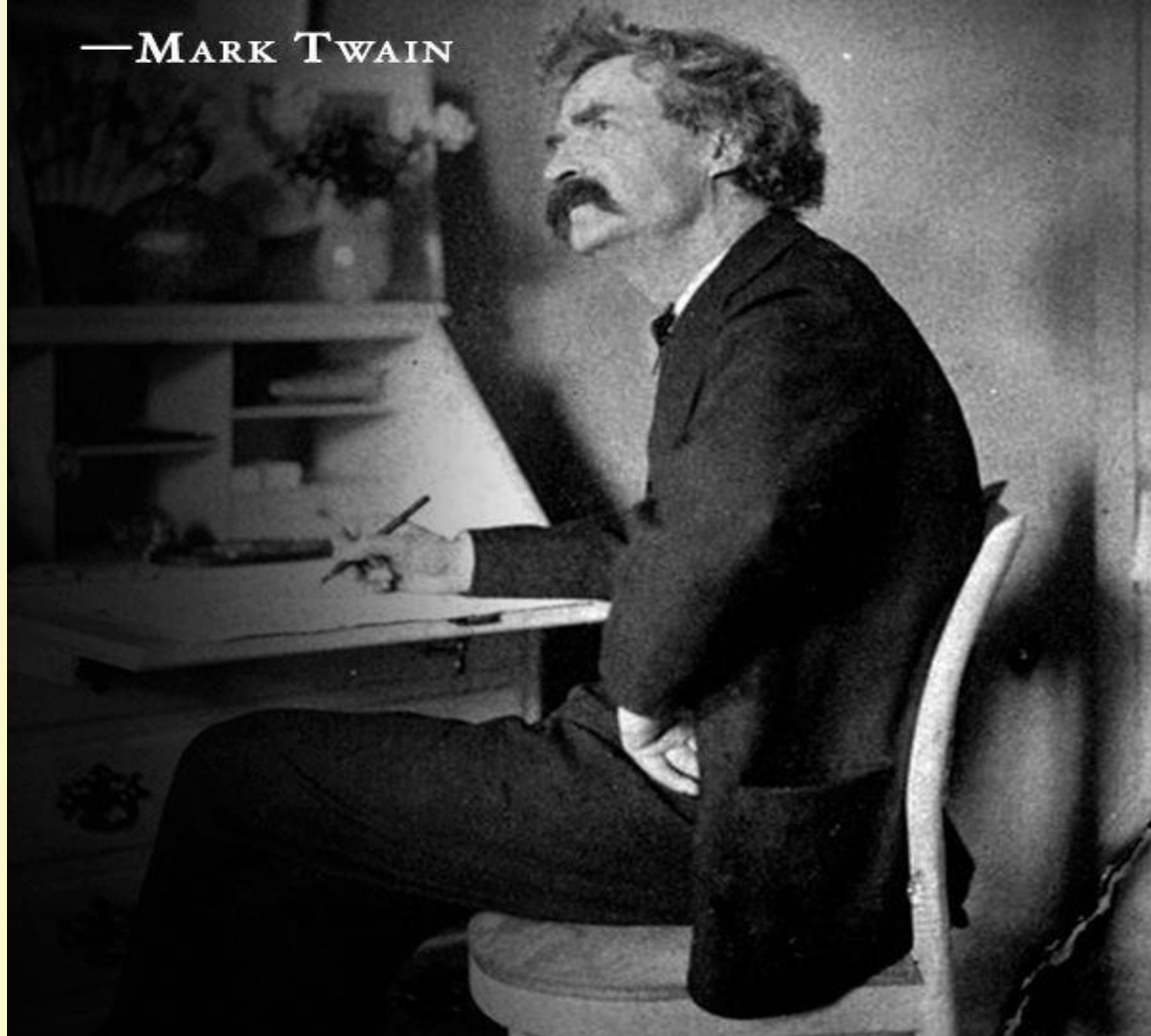
Percentile	Minutes per day	Words read per year
98	65	4 358 000
90	21.1	1 823 000
80	14.2	1 146 000
70	9.6	622 000
60	6.5	432 000
50	4.6	282 000
40	3.2	200 000
30	1.3	106 000
20	0.7	21 000
10	0.1	8 000

(PISA 2009) (Anderson, Wilson, & Fielding, 1988)



“A PERSON WHO WON’T READ
HAS NO ADVANTAGE OVER ONE
WHO CAN’T READ.”

—MARK TWAIN



Reading

“If you don’t like to read, you haven’t found the right book.”



J. K. Rowling
Author of Harry Potter

Literacy Toolkit

TENSE	Verb Tense: Maintain one tense throughout your writing. Use present tense to discuss texts, past tense for historical events.	TENSE.pdf
AWK	Your expression does not flow fluently. It's awkward . Read aloud and rethink word choice / word order and sentence construction.	SENTENCES basic rules.pdf SENTENCES subject verb agreement.pdf SENTENCES varying word order.pdf
^	Something Left Out: Poor proof reading means you do not catch careless errors, such as words omitted from your draft.	DRAFTING like you care.pdf

Homework

- Homework is important
- Creates good study habits
- Organisation skills
- Strengthens memories



- Please email or write a note if there are days when you feel some breathing space is needed.

Education Perfect



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1. Physical Properties

Smart Lesson on physical properties of substances Progress: 0%

> Start

1. Introduction: Properties (Optional Section)
2. Introduction: Physical Properties (Optional Section)
3. Physical Properties Facts (Not Started)
4. Identifying Physical Properties (Not Started)
5. Physical Properties Skills (Not Started)
6. Physical Properties Exercises (Not Started)
7. Extra for Experts (Optional Section)
8. Summary: Physical Properties (Optional Section)



Integrating Technology

- OneNote as the main platform
- Other programs like:
 - OneNote
 - PowerPoint
 - Photoshop
 - Microsoft Word

How can you help?

- Let them get on the bike and be independent
- Encourage
- Model proactive reading habits
- Encourage them to strive
- Encourage them to ask
- Check students 'Calendar' for events/homework/assessment due dates
- Email teachers with any concerns

