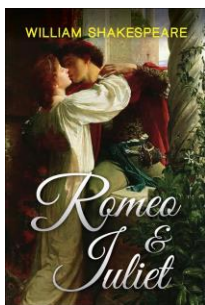
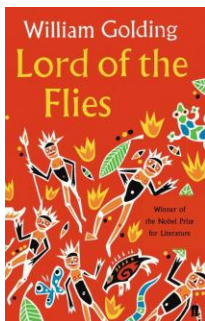




Robert Smyth Academy

Learning Journey: Year 9 English



Term 1: Lord of the Flies

During the first term, you will be exploring the seminal text *Lord of the Flies*, written by William Golding. Through this text you will explore and discuss democracy, civilisation and savagery, and morals and ethics. You will also explore the personal experiences of the writer and the historical context in order to discuss the ideas in the novel. Additionally, throughout the term you will be developing your extended writing skills through a series of creative and persuasive writing tasks, relating to *Lord of the Flies*

Term 2: Romeo and Juliet

During the second term, you will be exploring one of William Shakespeare's most famous plays, *Romeo and Juliet*. Through this text you will discuss the importance of family, the consequences of tragedy and the power of fate and destiny. You will also explore the social, historical and political context of the time to understand Shakespeare's intent. Additionally, throughout the term you will be developing your extended writing skills through a series of creative and persuasive writing tasks, relating to *Romeo and Juliet*.

Term 3: Gothic

This exploration into the gothic genre will take you on a journey through haunted castles in the wilderness, to the volatile confines of laboratories, to the chilling imagery of the doppelganger, as well as deep into the mind itself. As we navigate through seminal gothic texts, you'll explore thematic ideas including horror, claustrophobia, psychosis and the supernatural.

