



Bishop Milner
Catholic College

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Year 6 to 7 Transition

English Transition Activities



Welcome to English at Bishop Milner Catholic College

Beginning secondary school will represent a significant milestone and adventure in your life. You will begin your studies of English at Bishop Milner Catholic College by exploring how writers have used different written forms to reflect on the milestone of starting school. Following on from this, you will look at some iconic writers of literature including Chaucer and Shakespeare who have written about characters going on significant journeys and adventures.

Have a great summer and we look forward to seeing you when you begin Year 7!



The English Department

The English department is made up of 9 specialist English teachers. We are an extremely successful department and form excellent relationships with the students we teach. In English lessons you will read and study a range of novels, poems and plays. In Year 7 you will read 'Refugee Boy' by Benjamin Zephaniah, the play version of 'Oliver Twist' and 'Cirque du Freak' by Darren Shan. As well as this, you will read a range of poems and non-fiction.



We would like you to complete three tasks for us:

Firstly, think of at least one word beginning with each letter of the alphabet that captures the feelings of starting secondary school. For instance: awestruck; bewildered, confident. Show us how good your vocabulary choices are and how accurate your spelling is.

A	F	K	P	U
B	G	L	Q	V
C	H	M	R	W
D	I	N	S	X
E	J	O	T	Y/Z



Task 2

Adventures in writing!

Developing your writing skills is essential to help you communicate clearly and accurately with the people around you.



Create a narrative describing the adventure of climbing a mountain!

The first paragraph below has been completed as an example, please write the rest of your narrative.

Climbing this mountain has been never-ending! The fine, white powdery snow is like soft sand. Each time I take a step, the snow falls away like the sands of time through an hourglass. My limbs are screaming at me! Every time I raise my leg for the next step my brain says stop! But my heart ignores it - I am determined to reach the top. I look up towards my goal, the sun shines behind it, encouraging me to keep going. I can feel the warmth of its rays giving me energy. My breaths get deep and harder; I can feel the glacial air freezing my lungs. One final push and I'll be there. I'll be at the top!



Task 3

Book Review

Reading is an essential skill that needs to be developed throughout your time at secondary school. Reading is the crucial link to progress across all the subjects you will study. Not only this, an appreciation of the world around you, creativity, knowledge and understanding all come from a secure understanding of the written word.

Using the headings on the next slide, write a book review for a new friend at Bishop Milner Catholic College.



- **Title/Author:**
- **A quick summary of the book. No spoilers!**

- **Favourite characters and why**

- **Most enjoyable parts**

- **Would you recommend it to a friend? Why?**

- **Star rating for this book:**



What to do next?

Please email or hand any work that you complete to your new English teacher who will enjoy reading it.

If you have any questions or queries, please contact Mr Hannon, the lead practitioner for English:

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