

Year 8: Term 1, 2026 – Schedule

Unit: Poetry

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Term / Week	Lesson	Class	Date	Time	Teacher	Mode	Lesson Title	Learning / Skills / Tasks	Homework
T1W1	Lesson 1	ENG014	Saturday 24/01/2026	10.30am-12.30pm	Dr Brocklehurst	Online and in-person (at our Burwood centre)	Poetic Metre	1. Metre, Scansion, Stress; 2. Poetic devices	1. Analysis of a Poem
		ENG011	Thursday 29/01/2026	4.30-6.30pm	Dr Brocklehurst				
T1W2	Lesson 2	ENG014	Saturday 31/01/2026	10.30am-12.30pm	Dr Brocklehurst	Online and in-person (at our Burwood centre)	Sonnets	1. Petrarchan sonnet, Shakespearian sonnet; 2. Metres in sonnets; 3. Language Analysis	1. Writing a sonnet (using rules and metre); 2. Spenserian sonnet
		ENG011	Thursday 05/02/2026	4.30-6.30pm	Dr Brocklehurst				
T1W3	Lesson 3	ENG014	Saturday 07/02/2026	10.30am-12.30pm	Dr Brocklehurst	Online and in-person (at our Burwood centre)	War Poetry	1. Sonnets in war poetry; 2. Analysis of language and poetic devices	1. Comparative essay (drawing on historical context)
		ENG011	Thursday 12/02/2026	4.30-6.30pm	Dr Brocklehurst				
T1W4	Lesson 4	ENG014	Saturday 14/02/2026	10.30am-12.30pm	Dr Brocklehurst	Online and in-person (at our Burwood centre)	Odes	1. Traditional and modern odes; 2. Analysis of structure and language	1. Writing an ode; 2. New poetic devices
		ENG011	Thursday 19/02/2026	4.30-6.30pm	Dr Brocklehurst				
T1W5	Lesson 5	ENG014	Saturday 21/02/2026	10.30am-12.30pm	Dr Brocklehurst	Online and in-person (at our Burwood centre)	Elegy	1. Analysis of two elegies; 2. Poetic devices	1. Comparative essay
		ENG011	Thursday 26/02/2026	4.30-6.30pm	Dr Brocklehurst				
T1W6	Lesson 6	ENG014	Saturday 28/02/2026	10.30am-12.30pm	Dr Brocklehurst	Online and in-person (at our Burwood centre)	Dramatic Monologue	1. Analysis of two dramatic monologues; 2. Engaging with interpretations	1. Writing a dramatic monologue; 2. Using new poetic devices; 3. Reflection
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T1W7	Lesson 7	ENG014	Saturday 07/03/2026	10.30am-12.30pm	Dr Brocklehurst	Online and in-person (at our Burwood centre)	Ballad, Villanelle, Haiku, Shaped Poetry, Limerick	1. Analysis of other poetic forms; 2. Analysis of language and structure	1. Analysis of a poem; 2. Writing a poem in a new form
		ENG011	Thursday 12/03/2026	4.30-6.30pm	Dr Brocklehurst				
T1W8	Lesson 8	ENG014	Saturday 14/03/2026	10.30am-12.30pm	Dr Brocklehurst	Online and in-person (at our Burwood centre)	Consolidation	1. Consolidating all knowledge and skills; 2. Understanding the structure of the test; 3. Practising and revising analysis	1. Revision – metre, sonnets, poetic devices, comparative essay
		ENG011	Thursday 19/03/2026	4.30-6.30pm	Dr Brocklehurst				
T1W9	Lesson 9	ENG014	Saturday 21/03/2026	10.30am-12.30pm	Dr Brocklehurst	Online and in-person (at our Burwood centre)	End-of-Unit Test	1. Analysis of sonnet; 2. Analysis of poem; 3. Comparative essay	1. Review feedback
		ENG011	Thursday 26/03/2026	4.30-6.30pm	Dr Brocklehurst				
T1W10	Lesson 10	ENG014	Saturday 28/03/2026	10.30am-12.30pm	Dr Brocklehurst	Online and in-person (at our Burwood centre)	Review of the Test	1. Analysis of sonnet; 2. Analysis of poem; 3. Comparative essay	1. Review feedback
		ENG011	Thursday 02/04/2026	4.30-6.30pm	Dr Brocklehurst				

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Dr Brocklehurst is an Oxford graduate, passionate about educating students to access the best universities worldwide. He is a published writer in the field of education, and utilises a range of pedagogical approaches to teach, inspire and advance students on their pathway to academic success. He has 15 years of teaching experience: at a secondary school in Oxfordshire, UK; at His Majesty King Wangchuck's Royal Academy in Bhutan; at the University of Sydney; and one-on-one with over 200 students in Oxford and Australia. He has also been an examiner for A-Levels, and a university tutor and marker.

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