Meden School Curriculum Planning							
Subject	English	Year Group	8	Sequence No.	3	Topic	Romeo and
							Juliet

Retrieval	Core Knowledge	Student Thinking
What do teachers need <b>retrieve</b> from students before they start teaching <b>new content</b> ?	What <b>specific ambitious knowledge</b> do teachers need teach students in this sequence of learning?	What real life examples can be applied to this sequence of learning to development of our students thinking, encouraging them to see the inequalities around them and 'do something about them!'
	Week 1	
Knowledge learned in Y7 Myths and Legends unit: protagonists/antagonists/conflict/ morality	<ul> <li>Shakespeare- who he was and why he is famous</li> <li>Elizabethan England- patriarchal society and religious beliefs around love and marriage (Christian beliefs around marriage and gender roles). https://www.bl.uk/shakespeare/articles/marriage-and-</li> </ul>	-Theme of conflict and violence- consequences of violence/ conflict in UK/ around the world
Techniques learned in Y7 poetry unit- metaphor/ symbolism/ similes/ imagery	courtship	around the world
Y8 Animal Farm- conflict	□ Religious idea of predestination <a href="https://www.britannica.com/topic/predestination">https://www.britannica.com/topic/predestination</a>	Patriarchal society- treatment of experience of women in Britain
Y7/8 skills: topic sentences/ selecting evidence/ explaining evidence/ selecting key words/ writing about language techniques	Week 2  ☐ Conflict in Elizabethan society, War of the roses, Queen Elizabeth vs  Mary Queen of Scots <a href="https://www.bl.uk/shakespeare/articles/new-">https://www.bl.uk/shakespeare/articles/new-</a>	Abuse- Lord Capulet/ Juliet- exploring coercion and control
Retrieval week 2	mutiny-the-violence-of-romeo-and-juliet  https://www.bl.uk/shakespeare/articles/the-reformation-in-shakespeare	Love and relationships- healthy relationships
Tragic terminology		
Shakespearian context Elizabethan context Retrieval week 3	<ul> <li>Italian Renaissance- article to read         https://www.bl.uk/shakespeare/articles/shakespeare-and-italy#</li> <li>Tragic terminology and aspects of Aristotelian tragedy (tragic heroes/hamartia/ catharsis/ what is tragedy?)</li> </ul>	
Elizabethan context	Week 3	

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Italian Renaissance	Theme of Power	
Tragic terminology	☐ Cold read: Act 1 scene 1 up to Prince's speech	
	☐ Act 1 scene 2 to line 33	
Retrieval week 4	☐ Act 1 scene 3 1 to 15 and 60 to 100	
Key characters and whether they are	Theme of Love	
Montague/Capulet	☐ Cold read: Act 1 scene 5 line 40 to 140	
What is an oxymoron	☐ Act 2 scene 2 to end	
Tragic terminology	☐ Act 2 scene 3 line 31 to end	
Patriarchal society	Theme of Loyalty	
	☐ Cold read: Act 3 scene 1 to end	
	☐ Act 3 scene 2 line 37 to end	
Retrieval week 5	☐ Act 3 scene 3 all	
	Theme of Conflict	
Who loves who and who hates who	☐ Cold read: Act 3 scene 5 all	
Themes: conflict/ family/ love	☐ Act 4 scene 1 line 44 to end	
	Week 4	
Retrieval week 6	Theme of conflict:	
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What is imagery?	☐ Act 4 scene 3 all	
Tragic terminology	☐ Act 4 scene 5 line 1 to 64	
What is foreshadowing?	☐ Act 5 scene 1 all	
Topic sentences/ evidence/ selecting key words + explanation	☐ Act 5 scene 3 all (skip Friar Lawrence retelling)	
key words + explanation	U, p i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i	
	Week 5	
	☐ The Prologue and teaching foreshadowing as a technique, plus looking	
	at imagery and language relating to stars, lovers, fate, destiny	
	☐ Act 1 Scene 1- introducing the Montagues and Capulets (warring	
Retrieval week 7	families) Sampson and Gregory's warring, violent language and how	
netrieval week /	this is an important technique in introducing the theme of violence	
What is a metaphor?	☐ Layers of meaning	
Love triangles		
Familial relationships	Week 6	
Tarrinar relationships	☐ Analyse in detail the Prince's speech. Line 75-97	
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Retrieval week 8	Formative assessment: Analytical paragraph writing: How is Prince  presented in this extract? (Topic sentences/ evidence/ selecting key
Netrieval week o	words + explanation/ layers of meaning)
What is foreshadowing?	words i explanation, layers of meaning,
What is a metaphor	Week 7
What is a semantic field?	☐ Act 1:1- Introduction to Romeo- his love for Rosaline and heartbreak
	in Act 1:1 focus on use of oxymorons by Romeo- "Feather of lead,
	bright smoke, cold fire" and how this reveals his conflicted nature
	☐ Act 1:3- Juliet and her mother's discussion around marriage- Lady
Retrieval week 9	Capulet persuading Juliet around marriage. Analyse Act 1 scene 3 lines
	1 to 15 then analyse Act 3 scene 5 line 140, line 176, line 196 to 203.
What is conflict?	Compare the scenes and Lady Capulet
Tragic terminology	Week 8
What is a semantic field?	
	Analyse Act 1.2- Capulet's response to Paris line 13 to 37. Analyse Act
Retrieval week 10	3 scene 5, lines 141 to 168 plus 'hang, beg' section. Compare the
Netricval Week 10	scenes and the change in Capulet  (Topic sentences/ evidence/ selecting key words + explanation/ layers)
Themes of love/conflict	of meaning)
Romeo's banishment	of meaning)
Mercutio's fate	☐ Act 1:5- Romeo sees Juliet 43-52 Analysis of line 92 to 109,
Tragic heroes and fatal flaws	☐ Romeo and Juliet's first dialogue together in 1:5- how Shakespeare
	presents their love (at first sight)
	☐ (Topic sentences/ evidence/ selecting key words + explanation/ layers
	of meaning)
Retrieval week 11	
Patriarchal society	
Elizabethan gender roles	Week 9
Lord Capulet's characterisation	Act 2:1 and 2:2- Romeo and Juliet's forbidden love. Metaphors- "Juliet"
zora caparet s characterisation	is the sun" and more light imagery/ semantic field of light (Act 2.2-
Week 12	lines 2-62)
	<ul> <li>Act 2.3- Intro to Friar Lawrence- here he is tending to his herbs/</li> <li>flowers therefore explore the use of foreshadowing as he refers to</li> </ul>
Tragic terminology: catharsis/ fate of	'poison' and 'death' in his opening soliloquy. Friar Lawrence's
tragic heroes	ominous language "they stumble that run fast".
Foreshadowing	Similar inigate they statistic that fall fast i

Themes of love/hate	<ul> <li>Act 2:6- the marriage and Friar Lawrence's foreboding vow reading         "These violent delights have violent ends"- explore the use of         metaphor and paradox         (Topic sentences/ evidence/ selecting key words + explanation/ layers         of meaning)</li> </ul>
	Week 10 Act 3:1- the fight scene: exchange between Tybalt/Romeo (love/hate) and between Mercutio/ Tybalt/ Romeo- "a plague on both your houses!" - line 82 to 128 Prince's banishment of Romeo
	Week 11  □ Act 3:2- Juliet's soliloquy on love- symbolism and imagery (birds/ night to encourage the coming on of time)  □ Act 4.5: Juliet takes the potion- explore the family's reaction and grief towards her death (particularly Capulet's outpouring of grief) Line 19 to 31 and 34 to 40 and 59 to 64.  □ (Topic sentences/ evidence/ selecting key words + explanation/ layers of meaning)
	Week 12  Act 5.1 line 57 to 85- the tragic ending Analysis of Act 5 scene 3 line 91 to 120 Analysis of Act 5 scene 3 line 160 to 170 Analysis of Act 5 scene 3 line 292 to 310 How the play conforms to tragic conventions (is there a tragic hero? Where do we see catharsis? Who has a fatal flaw?) Assessment- Lord Capulet in 3:5- (Topic sentences/ evidence/ selecting key words + explanation/ layers of meaning)

Week	Key question	Practice tasks
1	Who was Shakespeare and what was life like in Elizabethan England?	Comprehension questions to evidence understanding and learning
	What is patriarchal society? What are Christian and Catholic beliefs around love	
	and marriage? What is predestination?	Comprehension questions to evidence understanding and learning
2	What conflict existed in Elizabethan England?	Comprehension questions to evidence understanding and learning
	What was the Italian Renaissance and how did it impact Shakespeare and his writing?	Paragraph to demonstrate understanding and learning
	What is tragedy? What is did Aristotle say tragedy has to be? What is an Aristotelian tragic hero?	Comprehension questions to evidence understanding and learning
3	Where do we see the theme of power from Act 1:1- 1:3?	Cold reading
	Where do we see the theme of love from Act 1:5-2:3?	
	Where do we see the theme of loyalty from Act 3:1-3:1?	
	Where do we see the theme of conflict from 3:5-4:1?	
4	Where do we see the theme of conflict from 4:1-end?	Cold reading

5	What is foreshadowing? How does Shakespeare use foreshadowing in the prologue? What imagery exists in the prologue?  How does Shakespeare introduce the conflict	Analysis paragraph on foreshadowing in prologue  Analysis paragraph on conflict and violence
	and violence between the Montagues and Capulets in Act 1:1?	(1.1)
6	How is the Prince presented through his speech? (line 75-97)	Analysis paragraph on Prince's speech
7	How is Romeo presented in Act 1:1? What is an oxymoron?	Analysis paragraph on Romeo (1.1)
	How are attitudes towards marriage	
	presented in Act 1:3? What can we learn about Lady Capulet?	
	How are attitudes towards marriage	
	presented in Act 3.5? How is this different to Act 1:3?	Comparative paragraphs (one on 1.3 and one 3.5) exploring Lady Capulet's different attitudes towards Juliet and marriage
8	How does Capulet discuss Juliet and his attitudes to marriage with Paris in 1:2? How does this compare to his response in Act 3.5?	Comparative paragraphs (one on 1.2 and one 3.5) exploring Lord Capulet's different attitudes towards Juliet and marriage
	How does Shakespeare present Romeo's first response to Juliet in Act 1.5? How does Shakespeare present love between Romeo and Juliet in Act 1.5?	

		Analysis paragraph- How does Shakespeare present love between Romeo and Juliet in Act 1.5?
9	How does Shakespeare present forbidden love in Act 2.1 and Act 2.2?	How does Shakespeare present forbidden love in Act 2?
	How does Shakespeare use Friar Lawrence to create a sense of foreboding in Act 2.3?	
	How does Shakespeare use foreshadowing in	
	Friar Lawrence's wedding speech (Act 2.6)?	How does Friar Lawrence use foreshadowing in Act 2.6? (paragraph)
10	How does Shakespeare present conflict in Act 3.1 through Mercutio's final speech?	Analysis paragraph on conflict- 3.1
	How and why is Romeo banished to Mantua?	
11	How does Shakespeare present ideas around love in Juliet's soliloquy (act 3.2)?	Analysis paragraph on Juliet and love (3.2)
	How do the Capulets express their grief at Juliet's 'death' in Act 4.5?	
12	How does Shakespeare present tragedy through the play's ending in 5.1?	
	How does Shakespeare present tragedy through the play's ending in 5.3?	Analysis paragraph on tragedy in 5.3

	Does Romeo and Juliet meet the conventions	
	of Aristotle's tragic model?	