

Reciprocal Reading

Personal Development at St Cecilia's includes the following:

- Safe Relationships
- Physical Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing
- Relationships and Sex Education
- Equality, Inclusion and Opportunity
- Fundamental British Values
- Citizenship
- Spiritual Development
- Moral Development
- Social development
- Cultural Development
- Character Development
- Catholic Social Teaching
- Futures, Finance and Careers

Year 7

Task	Text	Task	Personal Development Links	Unit and Lesson
1	'The Benefits of Boredom' article	A discussion around the benefits of boredom and creative activities to do in the absence of technology	Character development Mental Well Being	Coraline Lesson 15
2	'A World with no borders – is it a good idea?' article	Discussion around the meaning of migration and the associated problems and what life would be society with no borders.	Tolerance/CST – is restricting migration immoral?	Escape from Kraznir – Lesson 15
3	'Who is Malala and what do we learn from her?	Understanding who Malala is, what happened to her and what she represents. Discussions around the power of education. Reflections on what we can do to stand in solidarity with her.	Equality, Inclusion and Opportunity CST - Solidarity	Poetry of Childhood and Identity Lesson 10
4	'A history of Australia and the Stolen Generation' article	Understanding the history of colonialism in Australia and the social engineering that occurred in the early 20 th century.	CST – what our faith would teach us about engineering society so it conforms to a desirable standard. British Values – Tolerance.	Travel Writing: Journeys of Discovery Lesson 12
5	'Marvel films are the new Shakespeare' article	Discussion around the relevance of Shakespeare	Cultural development	The Tempest Lesson 8

		today and links with contemporary fiction.		
6	'UN moves to stop epidemic of misinformation' article	Discussion around holocaust denial, prejudice and discrimination.	Tolerance v Freedom of Speech – does a ban on questioning history threaten freedom of speech.	The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas Lesson 16

Year 8

Task	Text	Task	Personal Development Link	Unit and lesson
1	'Environmental catastrophes of nuclear war' article	A close look into the catastrophic consequences of nuclear disasters from Hiroshima and Nagasaki to Chernobyl. Links with contemporary nuclear threats.	CST – Care for God's Creation Cultural development	Poetry of Conflict Lesson 7
2	'The Rhetorical Legacy of Donald Trump'	Analysis of Trump's rhetoric during his presidential campaign and the importance of discerning the truth from misinformation	British Values – Democracy Citizenship	The Art of Rhetoric Lesson 15
3	'Artificial Intelligence could lead to extinction, experts warn'	Discussion around AI and whether it should be regulated. The threats that AI poses to creativity.	Cultural Development British Values	Dystopian Fiction Lesson 9
4	'Are wars won on stories?' article	Deepening the understanding of propaganda and how/why it is used in war. A focus on the war in Ukraine.	Freedom of Speech	Animal Farm Lesson 8
5	'Psychological benefits of creative writing' article	Understanding the benefits of accurate creative writing skills beyond the classroom. Focus on mental well-being.	Character development Future, finance and careers	Creative writing – Campsite Conflict Catastrophe – Lesson 12
6	'Advancement in science technology and medical ethics' article	Understanding of new scientific advances and the ethical dilemmas	CST	The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde Lesson 15

Year 9

Task	Text	Task	Personal Development Links	Unit and Lesson
1	'Our dad, holocaust survivor and Nazi killer' article	Reading about a survivor of the holocaust who became a Nazi hunter. Discussion about revenge and the consequences of it.	CST British Values – the rule of law	The Merchant of Venice Lesson 14
2	'Should misogyny be a hate crime?' article	Read about and discuss the rise in violence against women and the influence social media has on perceptions about women.	British Values – mutual respect. Protected Characteristics	Of Mice and Men Lesson 17
3	'Let 16 year olds vote for our future'	Read about and discuss the current electoral system and the implications of lowering the voting age and encouraging young people to be active members of society.	Democracy Rule of Law Citizenship	Voices from the margins Lesson 13
4	How does 'The Stanford Prison Experiment' reflect the theme of the novella?	Understanding what the Stanford Prison Experiment was and how a lack of rules leads to moral decay. A discussion around the common good and the human condition.	CST – The Common Good British Values Citizenship	Lord of the Flies Lesson 12
5	Humanity's disconnection from nature	Read and discuss how modern life is taking us away from nature and how we can reconnect with it as the Romantic poets would advocate.	CST – Care for God's creation Mental Health and Well Being	Romanticism Poetry Lesson 7

6	'Elite schools hold onto pathways of power' article	Read and discuss elitism in the education sector and the impact this has on individuals and society.	Equality, Inclusion and Opportunity	Blood Brother Lesson 15
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Year 10

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1	The Beveridge Report and the foundations of the Welfare State	Read about and discuss the 5 social 'Giants' that were addressed in the Beveridge Report and consider to what extent society has moved on from then. Students to consider what 'giant' they would want to address if they were in government.	CST – Option for the poor and vulnerable.	A Christmas Carol Lesson
2	Shamima Begum: Victim or Threat?	Learning about the terrorist threat and the removing of citizenship. Considering forgiveness and redemption in the face of terrorist threats.	CST – forgiveness Citizenship Moral development	A Christmas Carol Lesson
3	Is ambition a curse?	Discussion focussed on the influence of a Lady Macbeth figure in the Trump administration. How ambition and power seeking	Moral development CST British Values	Macbeth Lesson

		can challenge democratic principles.		
4	Nazi Guard, 93, guilty of his teenage crimes	Discussion around the holocaust and whether age excuses responsibility. To what extent should the justice system balance justice and mercy when the accused is elderly and frail	Citizenship CST Moral Development	Macbeth Lesson
5	Why you shouldn't ignore Alderman Meggarty	Discussion about the importance of the character as a symbol of abuse of power and misogynistic behaviour and how we can relate this to the treatment of other vulnerable groups in today's society.	CST Moral development British values Safe Relationships	An Inspector Calls Lesson

Year 11

Task	Text	Task	Personal Development Links	Unit and Lesson
1	Ruby in the pet shop Language Paper 1	Complete the evaluation question. Discussion around what it means to be a hero and to write the opening of a speech about someone they admire.	Citizenship Futures/Careers Character Development	Autumn 1 – English Language Paper 1 (Reading)
2	The Hamiltons Language Paper 1	Discussion around what the story teaches us about contemporary immigration and acceptance.	CST Moral development	Autumn 2 English Language Paper 1 (Reading)
3	The Dehumanising effect of solitary confinement	Complete the Language Paper 2 questions. Discussion around the benefits and how this links with British Values and CST. Using the information to write a report providing recommendations on this practice.	Moral development CST British Values	English Language Paper 2 (Reading and Writing)
4	Knockout Punch	Complete the Language Paper 2 questions.	Careers	English Language Paper 2 (Reading and Writing)

		Discussion around careers and the relative importance of personal fulfilment and financial reward.	Character and moral development	
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