St Benet Biscop Catholic Academy English Department- Year 7 Unit Non-Fiction Writing Knowledge Organiser

Unit Summary	Key Terminology	Conventions	
 A non-fiction text deals with real-life events and issues and often contains facts and information. Non-fiction writers make language choices to present their viewpoint, influence the reader and create a particular effect. A writer may be using persuasive language to convince the reader to agree with their viewpoint in a magazine article or to encourage them to buy something in an advertisement. A writer might use language to amuse or entertain the reader and present a topic in a light-hearted way. 	 Form – the type or genre of text Language – the words used to create effective stories, characters and themes Audience – who you are writing for Purpose – why you are writing Tabloid – image-led, popular newspapers which cover a lot of celebrity stories Broadsheet – news, analysis and opinion often covering more serious, political news Demographic – a population or target audience. 	 Diary Dates as subheadings First person - <i>l</i>, <i>e</i>, <i>my</i> Past tense Chronological order Informal language Includes thoughts and feelings Bullet points Bullet points Pictures to illustrate Direct address Name, title and address of person writing to on the left side below own address Dear First person, I Direct address- you Ends with Yours faithfully (if you don't know the name) and Yours sincerely if you do 	 Speech Personal pronouns - I, me, we, us Speaks directly to the audience - you, your Personal information Rhetorical questions - often to start Repetition of key words and phrases Emotive vocabulary e.g. modal verbs (must) List of three - especially at end Facts and figures Mixture of short and long sentences Clear conclusion restating purpose or
 Newspaper Articles Diary Travel Writing Informal Letters Speeches Reviews Formal Letters Writing a Guide 	 Understanding key ideas, plot points, themes and characters. Developing understanding of how language and structure is used Students read a range of texts, both fiction and nonfiction, at school and at home. Students develop a broader vocabulary, showing a willingness to embrace new words as well as consolidating awareness of relevant KS2 terminology. To understand how historical, social and literary genre affects the content and composition of a text. To carefully select rhetorical or descriptive devices to cater for a specific purpose or audience. Students begin to learn the value of editing and proof-reading. 		intent Newspaper/Magazine Article Headline – pun, catchy Subheadings Pull quotes Facts and figures Picture with caption Text broken up with key words/phrases <u>Travel Writing</u> Written in first person – I Descriptive writing Uses AFOREST Gives clear opinion Informs and entertains