

## Year 7 preparing for a Murder Mystery

Year 7 pupils were given key words that they had to incorporate in five sentences which could easily be found in a Gothic novel.

By Matthew

On a dark and stormy night, *on a melancholy moor*, lay a tree beaten down by the cold night wind. It was the only living thing left there, hanging on with its roots. The dim, full moon only just managed to shine over all the dead creatures and plants as the clouds passed it by. Some old animal prints lay there untouched, in the *deathly silence* that would make anyone go mad. An abandoned horse drawn cart stood there, with dead *ivy rustling* all over it. A *muffled* clock inside of the cart *chimed, gasping* for someone to listen, only to discover that the noise was drowned out by the cold winds.

Manor house: almost looks golden - By Jack

Surrounded by acres of thick woodland, the grand manor looks almost golden in the warm sunlight. The perfectly symmetrical garden makes the house look even bigger. The sand coloured walls shine golden. Warm light reflects off the walls spreading sun beams all around the grounds. The light of the sun shines through the mullioned windows of the house illuminating the house. The five gables points elegantly skywards. The shrubs by the front of the house are perfectly rounded. The great black door stands at the front of the house.

The warm of the blazing fire warms the chill of the huge lounge. Comfortable red velvet armchairs and sofas are dotted around the room like spots on a leopard. The wallpaper is a deep red, like blood. Exquisite paintings hang from the walls decorating the room beautifully. Spaces that are not occupied by painting, gigantic bookcases filled with old, doggy-eared books ranged from history to adventure. Behind one of these bookcases, is a secret room, filled with expensive wines and champagnes.