



English



In English, the students follow a comprehensive and exciting programme of study, which is based on both the National Literacy Strategy and the National Curriculum.

The National Curriculum for English centres around three Attainment Targets:

EN1 - Speaking and Listening

Students are taught to communicate effectively and become confident, articulate speakers. Listening skills are developed and refined.

EN2 - Reading

Students are encouraged to read widely, with enjoyment and understanding; they are given the opportunity to read a wide range of texts including pre and post 1914 literature, plays and poetry.

EN3 - Writing

Students are taught the skills necessary for both fiction and non-fiction writing; they are encouraged to craft and analyse their writing, establishing the effect on the reader. Students are taught to write accurately and a variety of skills are developed including spelling, punctuation and grammar.

Assessment is an integral part of all schemes of work; students are assessed in Speaking and Listening, Writing and Reading. Formative and summative assessments will be completed each half term and at the end of Year 7 a formal examination is taken.

Each lesson is directed towards a particular Assessment Focus for Reading or Writing. Programmes of study alternate between schemes of work that are predominantly reading and schemes that are predominantly writing. Within these schemes there are opportunities for speaking and listening activities such as role play, discussion and formal talks.

The course outline is as follows:

Term	Scheme of Work
Autumn 1	War Poetry EN2 EN1 Reading
Autumn 2	Grammar for Writing: Non-Fiction EN3 Writing
Spring 1	Macbeth EN2 Reading
Spring 2	Grammar for Writing: Dystopia EN3 Writing
Summer 1	Novel EN2 Reading
Summer 2	Complete the novel Reading Exam Preparation EN3 Writing

Once a fortnight students have a timetabled library lesson. This is to enable them to take books out of the library but also to extend their reading repertoire within a focused context. In addition, class teaching is supplemented by a range of extra-curricular opportunities including trips, visits and clubs.

Parental support is paramount and can be demonstrated through encouraging your child to read, reading with your child and discussing their reading choices or preferred genres. Having access to a Broadsheet newspaper at least once a week is beneficial in terms of being aware of current affairs and having access to good writing. Attending plays and productions is another enjoyable social event that can enhance English skills.