

Curriculum Overview English Language & Literature

Intent:

All students will study English Language and English Literature throughout Key Stage 3 and 4.

Our aim is to foster a love of reading and interpreting texts in order to develop students into confident and creative readers, writers and speakers, as well as widening their cultural knowledge and experiences.

We also aim to provide students with a breadth of Literature written by a range of writers.

Implementation: English at Key Stage 3:

In Key Stage 3, students follow a wide curriculum in order to successfully progress into Key Stage. They will study novels, poetry, drama, short stories and non-fiction texts.

Reading is at the heart of student progress in English and we explicitly teach vocabulary and comprehension strategies. Securing literacy skills are a key priority in these years and there will be explicit teaching of spelling rules, parts of speech, grammar rules, sentence types and punctuation.

At the end of every unit of work, student's complete assessments linked to the topics and unit studied. We carefully track students' progress across the 3 terms and assessment provide students with formative targets to enable their progression.

Enrichment activities on offer include guest speakers, visits to museums and theatre shows in the West End. We also promote entries into creative writing competitions.

Implementation: English at Key Stage 4:

We use the AQA exam board for both of these subjects.

Requirements for the new GCSE English and English Literature means students must have a developed vocabulary and be able to access a variety of texts, including 19th century Non Fiction texts, in the exam. It is vital that students are reading constantly to develop these skills.

Overview of Key Stage 4 English:

GCSE English Language and GCSE English Literature are studied together over two years in Year 10 and Year 11.

Both subjects are assessed through four exams taken in Summer of Year 11, resulting in 100% of the grades awarded. Students will sit mock exams in preparation throughout the course.

In Year 10, students study the following:

- 'An Inspector Calls' by JB Priestley
- 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens
- 'Macbeth' by William Shakespeare
- 'Power and Conflict' cluster from the AQA Anthology

Alongside these Literature units, students will also study a range of non fiction/ unseen fiction texts in order to practice the skills needed for their English Language GCSE.