

English

A mastery of English is the key to opening the doors of success

Creating opportunities for students to develop a love of the English language lies at the heart of the English department. With a team of subject specialists, we work tirelessly to provide students with a range of exciting and challenging classroom activities and precisely selected texts linked to the expansion and consolidation of their reading, writing and speaking and listening skills and ultimately, the creation of critical and creative thinkers who collaborate and communicate effectively. We encourage students to reflect on the texts we read, make their own judgements and draw their own conclusions.

We are passionate about storytelling in all its forms and want our students to develop and share a similar passion and enthusiasm.

Our aim is to empower students to read critically, write fluently, analytically and creatively and speak effectively so they will have the necessary skills and abilities to succeed in an increasingly complex, ever-changing and competitive world.

Autumn		Spring		Summer	
Shakespeare (Lit 1)	19 th Century Fiction (Lit 1)	19 th Century Fiction (Lit 1)	Modern Drama/Prose (Lit 2)	Poetry (Lit 2)	Language (Lang 1 & 2)
Poetry (Lit 2)		Unseen Poetry (Lit 2)			

Homework is a tool used in order to build, develop and consolidate students' English skills as well as an opportunity to teach them about responsibility.

Homework is set once per week in English.

All homework is documented on the VLE.

The homework will be set with a clear focus on:

- writing to revise a topic covered in lesson
- writing to consolidate a piece of learning
- writing to practise an essential examination skill

Unit	Duration (lessons)	Learning Objectives/Outcomes
Shakespeare (Lit 1)	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read a wide range of classic literature fluently and with good understanding, and make connections across their reading • Read in depth, critically and evaluatively, so that they are able to discuss and explain their understanding and ideas • Develop the habit of reading widely and often • Appreciate the depth and power of the English literary heritage • Write accurately, effectively and analytically about their reading, using Standard English • Acquire and use a wide vocabulary, including the grammatical terminology and other literary and linguistic terms they need to criticise and analyse what they read
Poetry (Lit 2)	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read a wide range of classic literature fluently and with good understanding, and make connections across their reading
19th Century Fiction (Lit 1)	40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read in depth, critically and evaluatively, so that they are able to discuss and explain their understanding and ideas
Unseen Poetry (Lit 1)	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop the habit of reading widely and often
Modern Prose/ Drama (Lit 2)	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appreciate the depth and power of the English literary heritage • Write accurately, effectively and analytically about their reading, using Standard English
Poetry (Lit 2)	24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquire and use a wide vocabulary, including the grammatical terminology and other literary and linguistic terms they need to criticise and analyse what they read
Language (Lang 1+2)	22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • read a wide range of texts, fluently and with good understanding • read critically, and use knowledge gained from wide reading to inform and improve their own writing • write effectively and coherently using Standard English appropriately • use grammar correctly, punctuate and spell accurately • acquire and apply a wide vocabulary, alongside a knowledge and understanding of grammatical terminology, and linguistic conventions for reading, writing and spoken language

Spoken Language	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> acquire and apply a wide vocabulary, alongside a knowledge and understanding of grammatical terminology, and linguistic conventions for reading, writing and spoken language
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