

Respect.
Resilience.
Responsibility...



ENGLISH INTENT

PROMISE #1 ETHOS & VALUES

The English Department aims to instil, in our students, a lifelong love of reading, writing and the power of the spoken word. In the English Department, we aim to take the pupils on a voyage of discovery, not just through the great literary works from Chaucer to the present day but also to explore each pupil's own ideas and responses to texts of all kinds including fiction, non-fiction and multi-media. Our aim is to inspire pupils to be creative thinkers and to give fluent written and verbal responses to the ideas presented to them..

PROMISE #2 SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE

English encourages the development of a wide range of transferable skills. Students of English should be capable of doing all of the following:

- Reading and writing fluently and accurately.
- Enjoying reading for pleasure, including fiction, autobiography, magazines and newspapers.
- Speaking with confidence, using Standard English and a range of rhetorical devices to engage the listener.
- Presenting arguments and considering different viewpoints.
- Evaluating, commenting on or reviewing a written or spoken text .
- Engaging in spoken games such as charades and to join in role play or acting.

PROMISE #4 Where this will take me in the future...

The study of English lets you develop skills which could lead to many different career choices. Some examples of careers you could choose are:

Administration, Archaeology, Broadcasting, Civil Service, Diplomatic Service, Drama Theatre and the Performing Arts, Education, Environment and Conservation, Information Management, Law, Media, Teaching, Public Relations, Journalist, Legal Executive, Police, Politics, Publishing, Sales and Marketing, Solicitor, Tourism, Town Planning and TV Researching. The opportunities are endless...

English is one of the core subjects, along with Maths, that colleges and employers will be looking for. Studies can lead to A levels in Language, Literature or combined and to further education with degrees in Literature, Language , Creative writing or Journalism.

PROMISE #3 COURSES & QUALIFICATIONS

Key Stage 3

All students study English at Key Stage 3. Students will study full novels, a range of poetry and a Shakespeare play in Years 7, 8 and 9. The aim is to introduce them to the Literary Canon, seminal world literature and to have an understanding of the progression of texts from Middle English (Chaucer) to contemporary fiction. There will be a big emphasis on literacy skills, building vocabulary and accuracy in writing as well as encouraging confidence in expressing ideas and public speaking.

Key Stage 4

At Key Stage 4, students complete two GCSE qualifications in Literature and Language.

LITERATURE

- Paper 1: Shakespeare and 20th century texts(50% of GCSE)
- Paper 2: C19th text and Poetry (50%of GCSE)

LANGUAGE

- Paper 1: C19th texts and imaginative writing(40% of GCSE);
- Paper 2: Non-fiction texts and transactional writing (60% of GCSE);
- Spoken Language Endorsement graded separately as : Distinction/Merit /Pass