Curriculum Intent
English

The English curriculum is designed to develop articulate, thoughtful and confident readers, writers and speakers who enjoy engaging with language and ideas. Through a carefully chosen range of contemporary texts alongside works from the literary canon, and a range of learning experiences, students are encouraged to think deeply, express themselves clearly and communicate effectively for a variety of purposes and audiences. English lessons aim to foster curiosity, confidence and a genuine appreciation of reading and writing.

Students explore inspiring texts from a range of cultural perspectives, genres and time periods, helping them to understand the world around them and the power of language within it. The curriculum is carefully scaffolded to support all learners in accessing ambitious and challenging texts. Alongside this, they develop the ability to write accurately, fluently and creatively, using increasingly ambitious vocabulary to express their ideas with clarity and confidence, while also developing the spoken communication skills needed to discuss, present and debate ideas with confidence and purpose.

The curriculum remains responsive to the world beyond the classroom, enabling students to explore contemporary issues, current affairs and topics that are relevant to their lives and experiences. Through this, students develop the critical literacy skills needed to engage thoughtfully with the modern world.

We promote a culture of reading and writing beyond lessons through enrichment opportunities, including links with local writers and participation in events such as World Book Day, National Poetry Day and National Writing Day. These experiences help students to see themselves as readers, writers and communicators both within and beyond school.

The curriculum is inclusive and supportive, with a strong emphasis on reading, discussion and reflection, enabling all students to make progress and become confident, independent learners.