



English Curriculum Overview

Key Stage 3- Year 7

Introduction

Students develop skills in the four major areas of Speaking, Listening, Reading and Writing and complete tasks in all these areas. The English course encourages students to develop a love of reading and writing and read independently at an appropriate yet challenging level. Students will read and respond to a variety of different genres: fiction, non-fiction, poetry and drama and be able to understand and select required information from a text, while identifying and explaining the writer's choice of language. Learners begin to read 'between the lines' for inference. They will write confidently in a variety of styles: personal, imaginative and functional, while punctuating correctly, understanding paragraph format and spelling accurately. Students will use grammar to make writing effective and distinctive while editing, redrafting work when required. In terms of speaking and listening, students will acquire the skill of speaking by choosing a suitable register using English confidently in a variety of situations. Learners will contribute effectively to classroom discussions and listen carefully to clearly understand other people's arguments and explanations.

Literature

Students will be provided with the opportunity to develop their understanding and appreciation of the main literary genres: poetry, prose and drama. Students will read from the following texts: *Wonder and Holes*. Students will also be introduced to works of drama and William Shakespeare. Students will learn how to use reading strategies, such as; using prior knowledge/previewing, predicting and identifying the main idea. Students will be able to question, make inferences, visualize and create story maps.

Writing

Students will learn to write accurately, fluently, effectively and at length for pleasure and information by writing for a wide range of purposes and audiences. Students will complete persuasive writing for advertising and learn to use persuasive devices. Students will complete creative writing activities, writing Sinister Short Stories and Sunflower Poetry. Students will learn about narrative conventions, progressions and structures. Students will learn how to use figurative language including simile, metaphor and personification. They will also learn about *News and Media* and be able to understand the conventions of a news article.

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

Fluency of expression and accuracy in spelling, grammar and punctuation will be actively encouraged. Students will complete learning activities that develop skills in using compound and complex sentences and identifying parts of speech: concrete and abstract nouns; main, helping and linking verbs; adjectives and adverbs, sensing verbs and subjects and predicates in simple sentences.