



English

Intent

- to foster a love of language and literature, encouraging students to become confident, critical, and creative communicators both in writing and speaking
- to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of both classic and contemporary texts, encouraging them to engage with literature and language
- to broaden students' cultural knowledge and enhance their understanding of the world around them through the study of a diverse range of genres, themes, and perspectives
- to develop students' proficiency in reading, writing, speaking, listening and SPAG in line with the national curriculum and the requirements of the AQA GCSE specifications
- to support students in improving their analytical and creative writing skills, ensuring they can express themselves clearly, coherently, and persuasively

Implementation

KS3

- In KS3 English, teaching focuses on developing students' skills in fiction reading and writing, nonfiction reading and writing, and poetry.
- Through engaging with a wide range of texts, students build their ability to analyse and appreciate narrative techniques, character development, and themes in fiction, while also refining their creative writing skills.
- In nonfiction, students learn to evaluate arguments, identify purpose and audience, and improve their ability to write clearly and persuasively.
- Poetry is used to foster creativity and deepen understanding of language, structure, and form, allowing students to express complex ideas and emotions.
- Students engage in targeted activities to strengthen their understanding and application of spelling rules and punctuation marks, ensuring their writing is accurate, clear, and effective.

KS4

- In KS4 English, focus is on preparing students for the AQA GCSE English Language exam, equipping them with the skills needed to understand both the reading and

writing components. Through a wide range of fiction and nonfiction texts, students develop their ability to analyse language, structure, and content, and refine their skills in comparison, evaluation, and inference.

- For writing, students focus on crafting clear, coherent, and engaging responses, tailored to different audiences and purposes.
- There is an emphasis on spelling, punctuation, and grammar, helping students apply these skills consistently to produce engaging writing pieces.
- With regular exam practice, targeted feedback, and focused revision, students build their confidence and ability to succeed in the exam getting a grade.

Impact

- Students will start to develop their reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills. This will empower them to express themselves clearly and confidently, both in academic contexts and in everyday life. The ability to analyse and interpret texts critically will also strengthen their comprehension and communication across all subjects.
- Through targeted teaching and consistent practice, students will enhance their spelling and punctuation skills.
- Students will develop a more positive attitude towards English lessons and they will gain confidence in their abilities, seeing themselves as capable learners.
- Exposure to a diverse range of texts will allow students to explore different cultures, perspectives, and historical contexts. This fosters empathy and a greater understanding of the world, encouraging students to be open-minded and more globally aware.