



Our department is passionate about inspiring and facilitating a lifelong love of language and literature. We are dedicated to delivering a diverse curriculum, at all Key Stages, that gives students the essential tools they need in reading, writing and spoken language. We promote independence at all levels and develop critical thinking to ensure that students recognise what steps they must take to succeed and communicate successfully in the future.

In English, our learning journey starts as we reinforce and build on previous skills attained during Key Stage 2. This can be seen as students are given the opportunity to explore a range of diverse and challenging texts, across a variety of forms. Students develop the ability to read more deeply for meaning and investigate the writer's use of methods. Moreover, we introduce students to thinking creatively as well as analytically about the texts studied. There are opportunities embedded throughout the year to ensure students are increasingly familiar with new vocabulary and comfortable in a range of spoken language settings and formats.

Furthermore, all Key Stage 3 students are enrolled on the Accelerated Reader programme and, as part of this initiative, they have one dedicated lesson a fortnight in our school library to foster a culture that further encourages and embeds reading for pleasure.

| Year 7

- Reading: Coming of age
- Conflict Poetry
- Nineteenth Century Short Stories
- Investigative Journalism
- World Literature
- Shakespeare: Comedies

| Year 8

- Reading: Inspirational figures
- Poetry from Other Cultures
- Twentieth Century Drama
- Writing: Escapism
- World Literature
- Shakespeare: Tragedies

| Year 9

- Gothic Literature
- Twentieth Century Literature
- Non-Fiction Texts
- Spoken Language: Debate
- Explorations in recreative writing
- Poetry collection: Love and relationships

