

English

In English we aim to create an atmosphere where pupils develop their curiosity and enjoy taking an active part in their lessons. Through exploring texts to examine how meaning is created, we want to develop confident speakers, reflective readers and fluent, accurate and imaginative writers. We have a clear focus on literacy skills and use assessment to give our pupils individual targets, focusing on what they need to do to improve. The teachers in the English department are all subject specialists who have a passion for the subject and a love of teaching. There is close liaison with the SEND department to identify and provide support for those who need additional help.

Staffing:

Mrs Webb	Assistant Head Teacher and Curriculum Leader of English
Mrs McConville	Teacher of English and Second in Department
Mr Callaghan	Teacher of English and Literacy Lead
Ms O'Bryan	Teacher of English and Performing Arts
Ms Walmsley	Teacher of English
Ms Bevins	Teacher of English
Mrs Walsh	Teacher of English
Mr Murphy	Teacher of English and Reading Lead

Curriculum:

The following topics are studied at KS3.

Pupils have **3** lessons per week in year 7 & 9 and **4** lessons per week in year 8 (one of these is a dedicated literacy lesson).

	<u>Autumn Term</u>	<u>Spring Term</u>	<u>Summer term</u>
<u>Year 7</u>	Poetry from around the world and narrative writing (Kraznir)	A Shakespeare play & a class novel	Detective fiction & Prisons
<u>Year 8</u>	Oliver Twist & The news since the 1950a	Conflict poetry and A Shakespeare play	Gothic literature (Frankenstein) & narrative writing Gothic
<u>Year 9</u>	Powerful leaders' speeches & Seminal world literature (Of Mice & Men)	Crime & punishment & 20 th century fiction with narrative writing	Blood Brothers & Contemporary Poets

The following units are studied at KS4.

Pupils have **5** lessons per week in year 10 and **4** lessons per week in year 11.

	<u>Autumn Term</u>	<u>Spring Term</u>	<u>Summer term</u>
<u>Year 10</u>	A Christmas Carol and 19 th /21 st century non-fiction, poetry anthology	An Inspector Calls & 20 th century fiction, poetry anthology	Romeo & Juliet and unseen poetry
<u>Year 11</u>	An Inspector Calls revision & 20 th century fiction, poetry anthology revision	A Christmas Carol revision and 19 th /21 st century non-fiction, Romeo & Juliet revision	GCSE exam revision and unseen poetry

Extra-curricular activities and visits:

We have a varied and interesting programme of author visits and strong links with the Lancashire Book of the Year Award. We encourage students to take part in a Roald Dahl Day, World Book Day and National Poetry Day week where they participate in a range of activities. In addition, there is a popular school magazine produced every term where students are able to take on different roles in photography, writing or editing. There are also opportunities to see plays, both in school with visiting companies or trips to the theatre, such as Blood Brothers and An Inspector Calls. We have a debate club where pupils are encouraged to participate in county wide speaking competitions. We also have a creative writing club where we enter competitions and pupils are given the opportunity to become published authors.