Curriculum Intent

Curriculum Vision | English

By the time they leave, we want our students to have a love of Literature of different types from across time and with rich and varied contexts. Through our carefully chosen and broad range of texts explored, students will learn empathy and emotional awareness. We ensure our texts come from a variety of writers and genres and aim for our students to develop understanding of the power of language to help them understand, shape and interpret the world around them, through writing and speech.

Learners in English will be confident speakers, increasingly able to shape audiences' views and opinions, to argue and debate and to critically evaluate characters, themes and ideas in text. Learners will be convincing writers, able to use sophisticated and nuanced vocabulary. Moreover, they will be capable of effectively structuring arguments and responses to ideas. They will demonstrate a keen ability to adapt writing styles, tone and register to the text type, audience and purpose. Our learners will be able to write creatively for impact: creating drama, tension and engagement through sophisticated use of vocabulary and punctuation.

Learners in English will have highly developed reading skills, demonstrating secure understanding of texts, including the nuances of choices, viewpoints and authorial intentions. They will be able to skilfully explore texts in light of context and engage with and evaluate different viewpoints and perspectives from across different cultures and ideologies. Ultimately, our students will be confident and skilful writers, readers and speakers, well-equipped with the oracy and literacy skills needed for life beyond school. They will be empowered to go on to Higher Education or to enter aspirational and fulfilling careers. Finally, they will leave us emotionally intelligent and empathetic.

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