

ENGLISH

Teacher in charge - Mr P. Smith

Aims

- To help every pupil achieve their full potential
- To enhance skills in Reading, Writing, and Speaking and Listening developed in Year 7
- To develop pupils' experience of the Literary world
- To foster a love and understanding of language

Course Description

The course is divided into modules allowing for exploration of a wide range of language and literature. Pupils build on the skills developed in Year 7 while continuing to address the crucial literacy skills that they need for progression in all subjects.

During the year, pupils will experience a variety of activities for speaking and listening including individual, pair and group work as well as dramatic role play. They will continue to read a wide variety of challenging, lively and relevant texts and will begin to adopt a more analytical approach to reading enabling them to start exploring the range of techniques used by writers in their work. Indeed, pupils will also develop their own use of the written word and start to draw inspiration from the writers that they read as they develop their ability to write for a range of purposes and audience.

Homework Requirements

Pupils are set one homework task per week. This may take the form of reading, research, writing tasks, drafting and planning or longer term projects. Pupils are also expected to read for 30 minutes per day.

Assessment and Feedback

Pupils are continuously assessed with close monitoring and feedback in a variety of specific English skills.

Pupils are given regular feedback throughout the year that relates to progress and targets according to their particular assessment pathway. In exercise books pupils will be given clear targets to help them with their next steps. Homework is also checked and monitored.