

# ENGLISH

We aim to provide a positive experience of our subject and to encourage our students to be the best that they can be. Our goal is to create challenging, yet rewarding, lessons that enable our students to reach their potential. We hope to equip them with the skills necessary to read for meaning and to write accurately and effectively. Similarly, we will endeavour to develop their command of the spoken word and promote a lifelong love of literature.

## **Overview of KS3**

During KS3, we will develop and improve key skills in writing, reading and spoken language. To achieve this, students will study different units each half-term. Our units aim to develop students' writing skills (for various audiences and purposes) and to generate an appreciation of literature by reading a range of plays, poems and novels. Students also explore non-fiction texts and build on their knowledge of grammar and vocabulary.

If students require support and extra help with their learning, we will give them the opportunity to join small intervention groups and receive help from qualified teaching assistants.

## **What will be studied in Year 7**

Our units are varied and address different aspects of the KS3 curriculum: modern novel; non-fiction genres; 19<sup>th</sup> century prose fiction; different purposes for writing; modern drama; poetry; an introduction to Shakespeare.

## **What will be studied in Year 8**

Our units continue to address various aspects of the KS3 curriculum, building on the skills developed in Year 7: poems from other cultures; 19<sup>th</sup> century non-fiction; a selection of short stories; a modern play; non-fiction genres; Shakespeare's writing.

## **What will be studied in Year 9**

Year 9 is a transition year from KS3 to KS4, taking a skills-based approach to English in preparation for GCSE studies. Students continue to study a range of reading and writing units for example: unseen poetry; non-fiction genres; 19<sup>th</sup> century literature in context. At Christmas, students begin their GCSE English Literature.

Current year 9 students will sit their final GCSE English Literature exams in year 10 and GCSE English Language exams in year 11.