

Head of Faculty: Mr S Hall

Aims

To equip every student with the skills to communicate effectively, using both the written and spoken word, together with good listening skills. We also aim to foster a love of literature whilst meeting the demands of the curriculum.

Year 7 Course Outline

We focus on developing reading and writing strategies that will equip students for life. As well as fostering a love for learning, coupled with high aspirations.

Students are introduced to literary texts across the ages: Shakespeare, Gothic, Victorian and Contemporary Literature. They study a range of texts which include:

- Poems
- Non-fiction texts
- Prose
- Drama

Our schemes of learning incorporate a variety of resources and teaching methods to meet the needs of individual students, e.g. interactive white boards, computer, videos and the school library. Students are taught to work individually, in groups and pairs. We use resources to inspire and engage students in learning.

In order to prepare our students for the increasing demands of GCSEs, we also focus on developing their use of spelling, punctuation and grammar. This is built into our schemes of learning but is also specifically focussed on during our fortnightly skills lessons.

Each student is assessed on a half termly basis and is encouraged to make specific targets for improvement. This builds a firm foundation for their study of English throughout their school career. We cater for the needs of all students, offering challenging opportunities to stretch the most able as well as ensuring that less able students get support with their literacy-our specialist teacher delivers the Synthetic Phonics course which results in rapid progress in literacy.