KS3 Curriculum Information (Years 7 and 8)

Students cover and repeat key English skills through increasing levels of difficulty from Year 7-8. All classes cover a novel, writing and reading skills, poetry, non-fiction and a Shakespeare play.

All Key Stage 3 schemes of work are specifically planned to prepare students for GCSE study.

KS4 Curriculum Information (Years 9, 10 and 11)

The Key Stage 4 GCSE curriculum prepares students for higher education and the world of work through learning about written communication and spoken communication.

English also exercises and develops critical and lateral thinking skills, leading to students becoming good problem solvers. Students will follow two courses:

- AQA English Language – reading and writing fiction and non-fiction texts
- AQA English Literature – a study of a collection of poetry, the novel of Jekyll and Hyde and the plays ‘An Inspector Calls and either Shakespeare’s works of ‘Romeo and Juliet’ or ‘Macbeth’

Extra-Curricular Opportunities

Students are offered extra-curricular clubs, including creative writing clubs and reading clubs for all years at lunch times and after school.

Additional revision classes are arranged for students studying at GCSE level throughout the week.

Ways Families can Help Support

Parents can support in a number of different ways. In particular the following will really support your child in their learning:

- Reading at home daily
- Researching the context of the studied texts and their writers
- Ensuring homework is completed
- Practising spelling and revising grammatical terminology with your son/daughter