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### **English at Key Stage 3 and 4**

The English department focuses on reading, writing and speaking and listening. All year groups cover a wide range of skills to ensure that they gain the best possible GCSE grades. Our department is passionate about developing an exciting and innovative curriculum which inspires our pupils and gives them confidence in communicating. We have had workshops and visits from renowned teenage authors such as Justin Somper and performances of key texts such as 'An Inspector Calls.' The importance of our subject is emphasised through a committed and dedicated team who have successfully created a curriculum our students enjoy and strive to achieve their potential.

In Year Seven, we cover a wide range of topics including:

- a study of genre
- the play 'Burning Everest'
- newspaper and journalistic writing
- advertising
- the novel 'Tuck Everlasting'.

In Year Eight, our curriculum includes:

- the novel 'Holes'
- film and media
- the play 'Frankenstein' and gothic horror
- Greek mythology
- independent reading project.

Our Year Nine scheme of work involves topic such as:

- first world war poetry
- the novel 'The Hunger Games'
- a speaking and listening presentation
- the play 'Macbeth'
- independent author study

Key Stage Four focuses on the study of GCSEs in English language and English Literature. We follow the EDUQAS syllabus which currently consists of:

English language, which focuses on two exam papers. Paper One will test the reading of twentieth century fiction and provide an opportunity for creative writing. Paper Two will include reading nineteenth and twentieth century texts and transactional writing.

English literature also includes two exams. Paper One includes questions based on 'Romeo and Juliet' and poetry from 1789 to present day. Paper Two tests the study of 'A Christmas Carol', 'An Inspector Calls' and unseen poetry.

From September 2015, the syllabus has changed at Key Stage Four. No controlled assessments are used, only exams.



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Useful Websites when studying English include:

- <http://www.wjec.co.uk/qualifications/qualification-resources.html?pastpaper=true&subject=English&level=gcse>
- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/education>
- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/english>