



ENGLISH

Key Stage 3

“Language is power, life and the instrument of culture, the instrument of domination and liberation.” (Angela Carter)

At Key Stage 3, the English department aim to offer an integrated and stimulating programme of speaking, listening, reading and writing, so that students are provided with the skills to make them powerful citizens of the future. In writing tasks, students are encouraged to focus on the use of language to create effective pieces which are fit for purpose, audience and adhere to an appropriate format for the tasks set. Students are provided with the skills to become discerning readers who are able to identify the strategies employed by writers to craft their ideas, and explain how these techniques affect the reader too. In speaking tasks, students are expected to work collaboratively and independently to articulate their ideas in a coherent manner to a wide audience. We seek to provide our students with the skills which will allow them to thrive in the world of work and offer them the best future possible.

The department places great value on the importance of basic skills and this is emphasised in all aspects of the courses provided in Years 7 and 8 to allow the effective transition to Key Stage 4 which demands ‘accuracy’ when explaining and expressing ideas.