



English Curriculum

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Overview

In English, we nurture students in order that they are confident in all aspects of our subject area: reading; writing; speaking and listening through interesting and challenging units of work. These key skills are essential for a successful transition into adulthood.

Key Stage 3

English at St Wilfrid's is taught in Year 7, 8 and 9 through a 3 year structured programme of discrete, yet complimentary units which are based on the current guidelines set out by the DfE.

Each year has a theme: Year 7 is Character; Year 8 is Voice and Year 9 is Devices. There is a mix of units which cover key language and literature topics. As a department we aim to engage and excite students with challenging and thought –provoking units of work.

Key Stage 4

The department delivers 2 full GCSEs in English Language and English Literature. For English Language, students are examined on the key skills of critical reading and comprehension; summary and synthesis and comparison of texts as well as crafting their own writing.

English Language

There are 2 examination papers for English Language:

Paper One: Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing.

Paper Two: Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives.

English Literature

GCSE again is skills based. Students are examined on the key skills of critical reading; literal and inferential comprehension and their evaluative techniques. There are two examination papers for English Literature:

Paper 1: Shakespeare and the 19th Century Novel

Paper 2: Modern texts and poetry



Key Stage 5

English Language and English Literature are both offered at A Level. Both qualifications lead on from the GCSE curriculum yet with a more analytical emphasis. Students consolidate the key skills which they have learnt and applied during the previous key stages.

English Language

The examination curriculum is structured in three modules:

Paper 1: Language, the Individual and society

Paper 2: Language diversity and change

Non exam assessment: Language in Action

English Literature

The curriculum is also structured in three modules:

Paper 1: Love through the Ages

Paper 2: Texts in shared contexts

Non exam assessment: Independent Critical Study: Texts across time

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