



Frequently Asked Questions – English

Who teaches English?



Miss K Draper



Mrs J Blunstone



Mr J Wolfram



Mrs J Clark

How does the school support students with dyslexia or other special educational needs within the lesson?

We work with individual students in one to one and small group sessions to deliver Catch Up literacy interventions, phonics revision and therapeutic story writing to explore emotions in a safe environment. Within lessons, we suggest alternative recording strategies for students. Year 7 students and small groups of older students participate in the Accelerated Reader scheme and all staff have taken part in training on dyslexia friendly strategies to use to support students in lessons.

What is the average class size at KS3 and KS4?

Classes in KS3 have approximately 28 students, and at KS4 classes tend to be smaller with approximately 22 students as we prepare for GCSE.

Are students set by ability, or taught in mixed ability classes?

In all year groups students are taught in mixed ability groups, however, we always consider what is best for each individual cohort of students and have the flexibility to arrange groupings accordingly.

How does the school identify and stretch gifted and talented students?

All staff are trained in Teaching to the Top strategies, and we also have a number of enrichment opportunities available to students who are gifted and talented in English. Accelerated Reader top performances can win reward trips and certificates and the English department runs a book club, regular trips to the theatre and visits by primary children to be taught an English lesson by our most able students. There are also whole school journaling and creative writing clubs.

Do you run educational trips to support the teaching of English?

We offer a range of extra-curricular trips to enhance the teaching of English. Each year we take students to visit the Bronte parsonage and museum. We offer several theatre trips across the school year, visits to local literature festivals and author visits.

How often is homework set at KS3 and KS4?

Weekly homework tasks are set via the school ClassCharts system to students in all year groups to support their learning of English.

How do I get in touch if I have more questions?

Please phone the school on 01423 711246 or use the contact form on the school website.