



ENGLISH

English is at the 'core' of the National Curriculum and although it has its own unique place on the timetable, its concerns underpin and drive the whole school curriculum. The English course emphasises the importance of accuracy and competence in the use of language in all its attainment targets: speaking and listening, reading and writing.

Pupils in **Key Stage 3** are following a course designed to cover the requirements of the new programs of study, to teach them the skills necessary to achieve across the areas of: speaking and listening, reading and writing. Indeed, pupils will be taught how to progress by understanding the key aspects of written communication, alongside opportunities to explore a range of texts.

In Year 10 pupils study Eduqas GCSE English and Eduqas GCSE English Literature. Year 11 pupils follow the Eduqas GCSE examination courses in English **or** English Language and English Literature. Some pupils are also entered for Additional English

It is our intention to improve and develop our pupils' literacy, oral and writing skills, and to empower them, building on the foundations set at Key Stage 3, to be able to use language effectively throughout their lives. We believe that an enjoyment and appreciation of fiction, drama and poetry play an important part in developing this use of language.