



English

Enrichment and Extra-curricular Opportunities

As a department, we try to enrich our students' experiences beyond the classroom. We organise an annual Key Stage 3 trip to London, providing our younger students with a city experience which is often new and exciting for many of them. During Key Stages 4 and 5, we endeavour to provide our students with the experience of live theatre and are always looking for national and local productions which will strengthen their appreciation of drama and literature.

We offer a "Writers and Illustrators" club which meets weekly in the library and enables readers to share creative ideas and learn about the logistics of writing a novel; occasionally, local writers and illustrators are invited to work alongside the group. Local illustrators are also involved in producing beautiful artistic copies of the National Poetry Day winners whose works are framed outside the library.

A termly reading list of recommended reads is shared for our key stage 4 classes to enable students to discuss any suggestions with staff. We like to keep our students up-to-date with new publications.

For several years, our Media Production Club has provided students with an insight into the practicalities of media production and is regularly involved in showcasing activities across the curriculum.

During the summer term, we organise a Year 7 Shakespeare Day which involves dressing in costume, a carousel of Shakespeare-themed activities and a final afternoon of drama and dance. To complement this theme, we hold an annual Year 7 Shakespeare by Heart competition with an evening of celebration and the awarding of prizes.