

Wykham Park Academy/Futures Institute

English Department Vision 'Read the world. Write your future.'

- Our main priority is for students to enjoy the subject. We want to engender a love of literature, develop assuredness in how they use language and a confidence in interpreting how others use language across written and spoken platforms.
- We aim to inspire a lifetime of reading and writing for pleasure.
- We want students to have the confidence and curiosity to explore the cross curricular threads of history, art, culture, politics and psychology that run through literature and linguistics.
- We recognise that assessment and progress are important, but alongside this we want to develop students' curiosity and creativity – to nurture the full potential of the child.
- We want to promote cultural relevance and will do our best to support this in lessons and through wider learning opportunities, such as cross-curricular learning and theatre visits.
- We want students to understand the progress they are making and be involved in discussions about their progress, creating a culture of collaboration and inter-independence.
- We want students to understand and appreciate the relevance of their learning, both academically and culturally.
- We want to use literature, art and culture to help prepare students for life and work beyond school.

KS3:

- Students explore a variety of texts under the themes of Apocalypse, Humanity and Crime, which are recurring themes in key year eleven exams texts
- Texts written for different purposes, audiences and forms are explored, across the 19th -21st century
- The schemes of learning equip students with key exam skills
- Enrichment and cross-curricular opportunities and trips are offered to all year groups
- Texts include: Greek Mythology, Conflict and War Poetry, Romeo and Juliet, Frankenstein, Of Mice and Men, Blood Brothers and Othello

KS4:

- Students begin their exam pathway in year ten, with all skills taught and texts studied integral to the summer exams
- Enrichment and cross-curricular opportunities and trips are offered to all year groups
- Texts include: Macbeth, A Christmas Carol, An Inspector Calls, Power and Conflict
Poetry, Unseen Poetry and Unseen Fiction and Non-Fiction extracts

KS5:

- Students explore a range of literary and linguistic texts to broaden their knowledge and understanding
- Texts studied include classic and contemporary poetry and prose
- Students will develop their creative writing and analytical skills across the course
- NEA units demonstrate specific student interest of study and encourage independence and topic specialism
- Enrichment and cross-curricular opportunities and trips are offered to all year groups