

Bourne

Community College

Aspiration, Innovation, Motivation



Welcome to English



General Overview

Within English, students are provided with a diverse curriculum in order to allow them to seek their own passion and enthusiasm for the subject.

Aims

In English, our aim is to prepare our students for lifelong learning by developing and embedding the core skills for reading, writing and oracy while at the same time opening their eyes to the world around them.

We aim for all students to be immersed a wide range of literature from all genres, different cultures and heritages, and then using this knowledge to build on their understanding and perception of the human condition.

Our Curriculum

Throughout their journey in years 7-9, students are introduced to a range of English Language and English Literature using a thematic approach so as to allow students to enhance their skills. In Year 7, students cover 'Narratives and Narration', 'Character' and 'Structure'. In Year 8, students study the topics of 'The Truth', 'Journeys' and 'Judgement and Redemption' and in Year 9 students study topics such as 'Protest' and 'The Gothic' as well as studying 'Romeo and Juliet' in preparation for their studies at GCSE.

Reading for Pleasure

Here at Bourne Community College, we are constantly striving to ensure that reading is a source of fun and enjoyment for all students. Whether it be reading a book together during a library lesson or creating a dramatic piece based on a scene from a story, our enthusiasm and love of reading is always a focus.

All students in Year 7 and 8 take part in the Renaissance Accelerated Reader program and we monitor their engagement and progress; supporting those student that may need intervention. It is always interesting to see what our students choose to read and we try to make links in English lessons to these topics.

Furthermore, each September we run the 'Read for Good' sponsored read where we build fun into reading with the added challenge of beating the previous year. In addition to this, we do promote reading for pleasure through author visits, literary quizzes and book awards and finally we offer all Year 7 students a brand new book to keep for free from Book Trust's 'Book Buzz' to further engage students in their reading.

GCSE

All students study both English Language and English Literature at GCSE and we complete the AQA Specification for both.

AQA English Language GCSE:

In English language lessons, students are introduced to wide variety of texts on a range of different topics. Lessons are centred around the individual and skills are taught and adapted to cater for all abilities. This individualised approach allows students and staff to work cohesively to ensure that all students are fully prepared for their GCSE examinations and beyond.

AQA English Literature GCSE:

“GCSE English Literature is the study of how writers communicate their ideas about the world, and how readers might respond to these ideas. It aims to develop a critical understanding of the ways in which literary texts are a reflection and exploration of the human condition the study of which develops empathic understanding of human nature.”

At Bourne, we feel passionately about teaching our students about the real world and what it is to be human. This is why we teach texts that allow students to explore different attitudes and perspectives on issues which still arise in society today. Over the two-year course, some of the topics explored include: the issues of gender stereotyping during the Jacobean era; widespread poverty during the Victorian era and class discrimination during the 20th century.

English Language GCSE

Paper 1: Explorations in creative reading and writing

Section A: Reading (Literary fiction)

Section B: Writing (Describe/Narrate)

1 hr 45 min

80 Marks

50% weighting

Paper 2: Writers' viewpoints and perspectives

Section A: Reading (One Non-fiction text and one literary fiction text)

Section B: Writing (Writing to present a viewpoint)

1 hr 45 min

80 Marks

English Literature GCSE

Paper 1: Shakespeare and the 19th Century Novel

Texts: 'Macbeth' and 'A Christmas Carol'

1 hr 45 min

40% weighting

Paper 2: Modern text and Poetry

Modern text: 'An Inspector Calls'

The poetry anthology: 'Power And Conflict' Cluster

Unseen Poetry

2 hrs 15 min

Trips & Activities

Our regular programme includes:

- Visiting drama companies performing KS3 and KS4 examination plays
- Poetry conference
- Carnegie Award
- West Sussex Book Award
- Visiting authors
- Visiting storytellers
- Celebration of National Book Week
- Readathon
- Writing competitions at a national level
- Published compilations of students' writing
- Theatre Trips
- Writing Workshops
- Book Trust's 'Book Buzz'

Staff

Mrs K Hutchins –	Leader of English
Mrs J Moore -	KS3 Lead for English
Mr T Butler –	KS4 Lead for English
Mrs A Hardwick –	Deputy Headteacher and Teacher of English
Mrs A Dewar –	Teacher of English
Mrs M Wilson –	Teacher of English
Mr N Pragnell –	Teacher of English
Mrs L Mayes –	SENDCo and Teacher of English
Mr P MacDonald-Parry –	Teacher of English