

Key Stage 3 Curriculum

Through ongoing work with feeder primary schools, our Key Stage Three curriculum aims to build on the skills and knowledge developed in Key Stage Two and introduce students to a widening variety of texts and genres both to read from and write within.

Students are placed in sets, based on their KS2 score, after the first October half term but follow the same course of study as all other classes; developing the same skills alongside students with similar levels of ability to themselves.

For one module in year 8, students are given a choice of genres to study and spend this period learning in a mixed-ability group of students with shared interests.

The setting is reviewed every term and decisions are made based on performance in assessments, attitude to learning and progress made throughout the term.

Homework

Homework is set each week, and may consolidate, complement or develop each student's understanding of the work they are looking at of the context from which it stems. Homework should last between 20 and 30 minutes, however, extended pieces may be given.

Help and Support

We encourage all students to ask their class teacher(s) for help. Booster sessions and groups are arranged for students who are finding it difficult to make progress.

Extra-Curricular Provision Including Trips at Key Stage Three

Battle of the Books Competitions

Author Visits

Theatre Trips

Stretch and Challenge Writing Trip

A frequently revised variety of Library activities for lunchtimes.

Creative writing club every Wednesday from 12.30-1.10pm S6