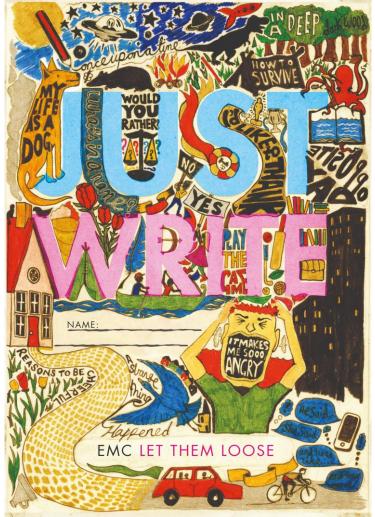
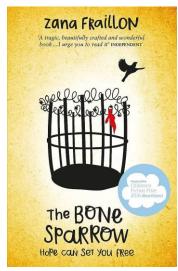
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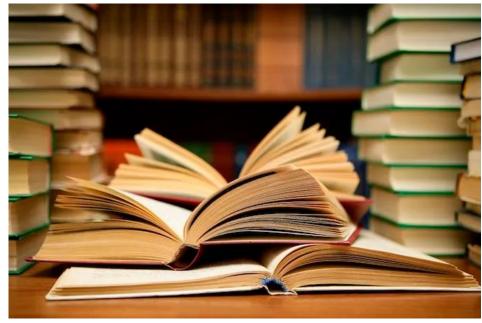


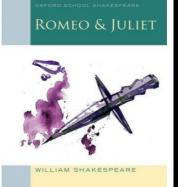


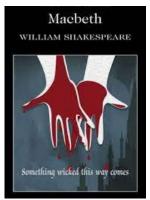














Key Contacts

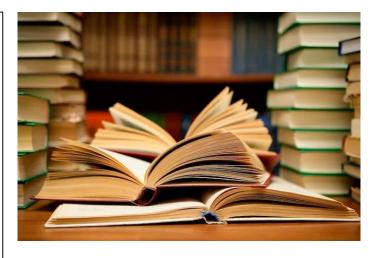
- Mrs Grimes (Head of Department)
- Mr Angella (Leader of Key Stage 3 English)
- Mr Maunder (Leader of Year 9 English)
- Ms Rogers (Leader of Key Stage 4 English)
- Mr Byrne (Leader of Key Stage 5 English)
- Ms Godden (Head of Literacy)



Curriculum Intent



We aim to provide a rich literary and linguistic journey that provides students with fulfilling experiences of reading, writing, speaking and listening. Our curriculum design means that each term, students know more, understand more and are able to do more. Effective sequencing means that students are able to make the links and connections that support their long term retention of knowledge, understanding and skills in English. Each unit provides the opportunity for students to think hard and think critically whilst engaging with a range of high quality canonical, contemporary and multi-modal texts. Our English curriculum promotes the personal development of students in the fullest sense by supporting the growth of the personal, social and emotional attributes that allow them to flourish academically and become engaged citizens of an ever-changing future.





Reading at Sackville



- We consider reading to be central to students' progress across the school and their enjoyment of English.
- We use a system called AR (Accelerated Reader) to track and encourage students' progress.
- Students will have library lessons once a fortnight with an explicit focus on reading.
- In Key Stage 3, students begin lessons with ten minutes exclusively devoted to silent reading.
- Teachers support and encourage students in reading a range of literature.



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Accelerated Reader
Book Level
Guide

0.0 - 1.9
2.0 - 2.9
3.0 - 3.9
4.0 - 4.9
5.0 - 5.9
6.0 +
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Reading at Sackville



Figures from 2022-2023

Y7

Total Quizzes Taken: 1,874

Total Words Read: 35.49m

Y8

Total Quizzes Taken: 1,429

Total Words Read: 40.24m

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Accelerated Reader
Book Level
Guide

Reader

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0.0 - 1.9

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4.0 - 4.9

5.0 - 5.9

6.0 +

Communities reading competition

Total words read across Y7/8/9: 96,980,257

4000+ books read

Year 7 English

Unit 2: Discursive Writing

Students practise the skills of English Language Paper 2 writing; writing to express an opinion or viewpoint.

- Fortnightly library lessons.
- Fortnights SPAG and Just Write Lessons.

Unit 1: Modern Novel

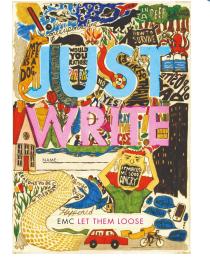
 Studying a modern novel (Once) allows students to explore Literature with a deep emotional core.

Unit 4: Nature Poetry

 Using themed texts, students are introduced to the skills and knowledge required to explore poetry in their GCSE English Literature.

Unit 3: A Midsummer Night's Dream

 Students are introduced to Shakespeare's works and key background knowledge.



Unit 5: Great Speeches

 Students begin to practise key skills required by the writing section of the English Language GCSE.

The Journey of English

Year 8

 Students build on work completed in Year 7; exploring deeper into Shakespeare, as well as looking at different forms of writing (e.g. Gothic fiction).

Year 7

 Introduction to key elements of GCSE English Lit and Lang; poetry, Shakespeare, writing for different audiences and purposes.

Year 10

 Students begin to explore GCSE English content including the Modern Text, Anthology Poetry and Language Paper 2.

Year 9

 Students begin transitioning towards GCSE English, developing and fine-tuning skills in descriptive writing, exploring unseen poems and furthering their understanding of Shakespeare.

Year 11

 Students prepare for final GCSE examinations, drawing on a wealth of skills and knowledge acquired and honed across their journey at Sackville.

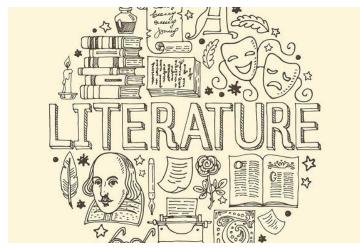


GCSE English Language & Literature



- Our Key Stage 3 curriculum is designed to provide students with the foundations required to be successful at GCSE, whilst also equipping them with the literacy skills and knowledge required for post-16 study.
- Overall, our students make excellent progress compared to their Key Stage 2 prior results. A continuation of excellent pre-COVID results.
- The GCSE English curriculum is challenging and diverse, with students having to tackle Shakespeare, Dickens, a variety of poetry through time, modern texts, as well as reading and writing tasks



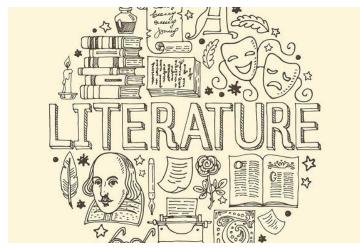


A-Level English Language & Literature



- Our A-Level English Language and Literature courses are both well-subscribed and popular with students.
- These courses allow pupils to draw on and develop the skills and knowledge acquired throughout their time at Sackville.
- Coursework elements and rigorous study of the two subjects sets students up for continuing beyond Key Stage 5.





Extra-Curricular Activities



- Creative Writing Club (Friday lunchtimes D06)
- Key Stage 3 Book Club (Mondays –
 Week A after-school).
- Poetry By Heart & Performing Shakespeare
- Junior Debate/ Public Speaking
- Reading Week and World Book Day Activities

POETRY BY HEWRT



