English at Sackville





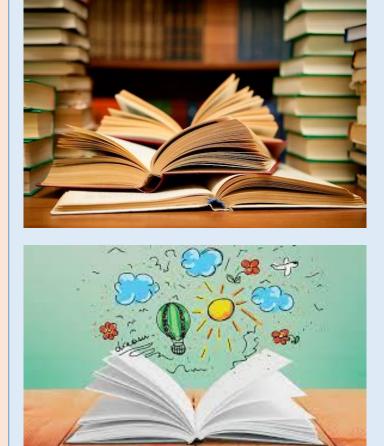
Key Contacts



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Curriculum Intent

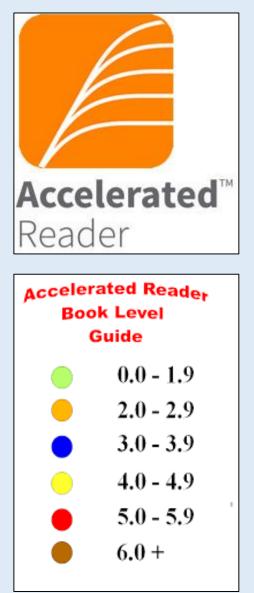
We aim to provide a rich literary and linguistic journey that provides students with fulfilling experiences of reading, writing, speaking and listening. We believe that students deserve a broad and ambitious English curriculum, rich in skills and knowledge, which ignites curiosity and prepares them well for future learning or employment. Our English curriculum will give students the opportunity to write clearly, fluently and accurately in plain English, showing flair and creativity where appropriate. It is our intent to develop students' character, including resilience, confidence and independence, so that they contribute positively to the life of the school and our wider community.





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 independent reading.
- Teachers support and encourage students in reading a range of literature.





Year 7 English

Unit 2: Myths & Legends

• Students explore classic tales and explore what is behind their enduring effect and interest.

Unit 3: A Midsummer Night's Dream

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



explore Literature with a deep emotional core.

Studying a modern novel

(Once) allows students to

Unit 1: Modern Novel

Unit 4: Nature Poetry

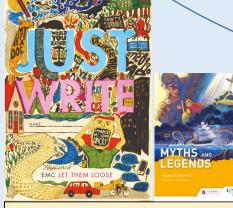
• Using themed texts, students are introduced to the skills and knowledge required to explore poetry in their GCSE English Literature.

Unit 5: Discursive Writing

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

Unit 6: Great Speeches

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



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

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).



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Year 9

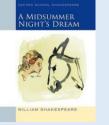
Students begin **transitioning** towards GCSE English, developing and fine-tuning skills in descriptive writing, exploring unseen poems and furthering their understanding of Shakespeare.

Year 11

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

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.

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GCSE English Language & Literature



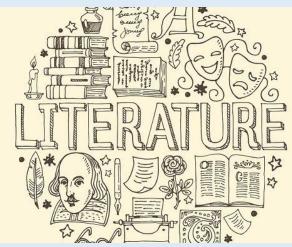
- Our Key Stage 3 curriculum is sequenced to provide students with the foundations required to be successful at GCSE, whilst also equipping them with the literacy skills and knowledge required for post-16 study.
- The GCSE English curriculum is challenging and diverse, with students having to tackle 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 wellsubscribed 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



- Poet Visit
- Key Stage 3 Book Club (Mondays Week 1 – after-school).
- Performing Shakespeare
- Junior Debate/ Public Speaking
- Reading Week
- World Book Day Activities

