

The English Department



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Curriculum

KS3

We aim to keep our KS3 curriculum fresh and are introducing up-to-date resources to the key stage. English offers the opportunity to explore a range of issues and we need to respond to the demands of an ever-changing world through the provision of relevant and interesting activities and materials.

KS4

AQA GCSE English (4700), English language (4705) and English literature (4710) The new syllabi provide pupils with a rich and varied experience. The department is particularly excited by the new English language qualification which involves the study of spoken and written language.

SUMMER READS 2013 - look at our Blog <http://rhscgoodreads.blogspot.co.uk/>

Recommended Learning Links for GCSE:

<http://www.thinkalink.co.uk/>

<http://bloggingshakespeare.com/>

<http://findingshakespeare.co.uk/>

<http://60-minutes.bloggingshakespeare.com/>

<http://gettingtoknowshakespeare.com/>

<http://yearofshakespeare.com/>

<http://www.s-cool.co.uk/gcse/english>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/>

<http://literatureguides.philipallan.co.uk/studentgcse.aspx>

<http://web.aqa.org.uk/qual/newgcse/english/index.php>

KS5

AQA GCE English language (2705 - 1706/2706) The English language course is a rigorous but varied course which provides students with valuable transferrable skills. In addition to working on original writing, students will also explore language use in a range of situations – language and gender, language and power, language and technology – and develop sound analytical skills. For A2, students face the challenge of producing a linguistic study and a media text as well as exploring language change and child language acquisition.

AQA GCE English literature (2704 – 1741/2741) Our team of highly enthusiastic and specialist teachers wanted to provide students with an exciting range of challenging texts and so decided to offer the Victorian option for the AS level. We all feel that the breadth and variety of this era's literature provides a sound foundation for literary study and it relates perfectly to the A2 topic of "Love through the Ages".

Recommended Learning Links for A level English language:

<http://web.aqa.org.uk/qual/gce/english/english-language-b-updates.php>

<http://englishlangsfx.blogspot.co.uk/>

<http://www.universalteacher.org.uk/contents.htm#langa>

Learning Links for A level English literature:

<http://web.aqa.org.uk/qual/gce/english/english-literature-a-updates.php>

<http://www.gutenberg.org/>

<http://www.s-cool.co.uk/a-level/english-literature>

<http://literatureguides.philipallan.co.uk/studentalevel.aspx>

<http://www.universalteacher.org.uk/contents.htm#lita>

http://www.helpmewithenglish.co.uk/page_1532622.html

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(REGISTRATION REQUIRED)

Lessons

We aim to provide challenging and inspiring lessons in which all students are fully-involved in their learning. Students will find themselves involved in individual tasks as well as group work and undertake a wide variety of learning activities.

Successes

We are very proud of our results – for example, August 2011 saw five A2 English literature students achieve A* grades, including one who is now studying at Cambridge University. Ultimately though, we aim to equip all our students with the literacy skills they need for success in life.

Experiences

We always look for opportunities to enhance students' learning with experiences outside the classroom. Students have participated in activities such as workshops from local writers and theatre companies; theatre performances in school, Norwich, Cambridge and London; talks by famous authors such as Charlie Higson and Darren Shan; events for National Poetry Day and World Book Day; public speaking competitions and many extra-curricular revision classes.

Recent English Events

Special Literacy and Numeracy Session October 2013

A number of pupils were treated to a very special literacy or numeracy session. Sir Linkalot (aka Andy Salmon) works with children to help them find methods to remember spellings, words, times tables, historical dates and much, much more. Go to his website www.thinkalink.co.uk to see what he does. Genius! click on icon to access www.thinkalink.co.uk

Year 9 Town and Country impact day

Y9 had the opportunity to consider life in Norfolk compared to city life. We teamed up with Greig City Academy, London, to produce videos and blogs about our respective schools and areas. It was interesting to see how our students regard their country environment and how they feel about city life. Life in north Norfolk was debated in the blogs, considering aspects such as shopping, sport and history. The students were encouraged to employ a range of writing styles to create their blogs for different purposes. What made the writing really purposeful was the thought of having a very real audience in London. The day culminated in a conversation via Skype with the students in London. It was exciting to see the writers' faces and to have the opportunity to ask questions. We were even treated to some singing and dancing! Many, many thanks to the ICT support staff for making this day possible. Links to the blogs are given below:

<http://y9june20groupa.blogspot.co.uk/>

Great Big Read Goes to the Movies

Mrs Gibling's Year 8 English class took part in a county competition run by Norfolk Libraries' Service and BBC Voices. The competition, Great Big Read Goes to the Movies, involved students turning their favourite books into film ideas. These concepts needed to be reduced into three scenes - the beginning, the middle and the end. Despite the competition having over 40 entries, Reepham High School pupils won all of the workshop places offered as a prize! To see their films click on link -

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kVM4fkmUgxl&feature=youtu.be>

Year 8 English class visited the Year Two class at Reepham Primary School

Students from Mrs. Gibling's Year 8 English class visited the Year Two class at Reepham Primary School. They performed some stories which they had written as part of their accent and dialect unit. They really enjoyed performing and did a fantastic job.

