

Our Curriculum: English

Our Intent

As a result of our curriculum, Headlands students will be inspired to:

- see and use the discipline of English as a tool of effective communication and a source of pleasure throughout their lives;
- be critical readers and thinkers who possess the skills to enable them to question the world around them, the information they receive and the opinions expressed by others;
- make and express their own informed judgments and considered opinions which are based on their acquired knowledge, experiences and interactions;
- feel enabled to express themselves creatively in both the written and spoken word.

Our Implementation

In order to realise our vision, our curriculum will provide students with opportunities to:

- embed, develop and deepen the knowledge, understanding and skills they have acquired in their study of English in primary school;
- build on their prior knowledge so that all are able to progress rapidly from their individual starting points and experience success;
- experience and engage with an exciting and engaging range of texts, both literary and non-literary, from across the centuries and literary canon, approaching the study of these in new and innovative ways;
- embed cornerstone literacy skills that will equip them for the world beyond their formal education;
- develop their critical reading and thinking skills so that they learn the importance of questioning information and ideas expressed by others, testing both their validity and truth;
- work alongside staff committed to ensuring they acquire the knowledge, understanding and skills that will see them fulfil their potential and help raise their aspirations;
- experience and engage with opportunities beyond the classroom which help them to realise the power and importance of English, as well as the various ways in which it can enrich their lives.

The Impact

The impact of our curriculum will be evidenced in:

- our students' enthusiasm for the subject which is displayed both in and out of the classroom;
- our students' work and their progress as evidenced in their books;
- the increased number of students taking English at KS5;
- the progress and attainment of students in external exams.

Above all, our students leave us equipped with the essential communication skills that will allow them to realise their dreams and fulfil their potential; they are creative, critical thinkers who can make informed opinions and empathise with others. They have the skills to enable them to not simply to cope with the challenges of our modern world, but to flourish within it.

