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## English Faculty

Here at St Paul's Way we have a dedicated and talented English Faculty and all teachers use a variety of teaching styles to ensure that each student is able to access the work set in the lessons.

Students are encouraged to be free thinkers and speakers and to widen their understanding of the world around them through the study of Literature in the classroom.



## English Curriculum

There are four main English strands – reading, writing, speaking and listening.

**Reading** - Our students study a wide range of modern, classic and Shakespearean literature – reading a variety of novels, plays and poetry. We develop and extend students' subject knowledge by ensuring that they study books in English lessons and that they also have a dedicated lesson in the school's well stocked library. Every student is asked to carry a reading book with them at all times and they can read this or choose another during registration, at break and at lunchtimes. Students also study a range of literary non-fiction texts such as letters and biographies.

**Writing** - Our students are encouraged to write at length and in detail in many different forms. For example: essay writing, character studies, newspaper articles as well as creative writing such as poems and stories. Careful instruction is given in both punctuation and spelling.

**Spoken Language** - Our students are encouraged to speak in front of their peers by reading aloud, making presentations and answering questions. Students also speak in role which encourages insight into a character's feelings and motivations.

Students are encouraged to listen, not only to the meanings of words, but also the tone in which they are delivered in the texts studied. Students are encouraged to openly discuss and debate ideas and the English classroom is a place where all ideas are heard.