

English Learning Journey

The purpose of the English curriculum:

Conviction: To develop your confidence in becoming a literate global citizen.

Ambition: To understand how English will impact on life outside of Olive Academy.

Reflection: To encounter a range of literature from around the world to establish your own sense of identity.

Determination: To develop a positive attitude towards Reading and Writing.

Where will your English qualifications take you?

You could be the next :

journalist; scriptwriter; publisher;
editor; author; speech therapist; web
content producer...

Key Stage 3

Media Studies
Non Fiction

Think Dragon's Den! You will know how to speak clearly and convey ideas confidently, presenting and debating ideas. You will also analyse non fiction texts as well as short films and adverts.

Rap is Poetry

Explore how musicians and poets use key techniques such as similes, metaphors and alliteration . Understand how to analyse and compare lyrics and poems, as well as having the opportunity to add backing music to your own lyrics.

Romeo and Juliet

You will use analytical skills to gain knowledge of the features of Shakespeare's play. You will explore how language creates relationships between characters.

'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time'

Mark Haddon

What's it like to walk in someone else's shoes?

Empathetically, you will explore Christopher's character and develop an understanding of living with autism, while joining Christopher on a murder investigation!

KS3 Assessments:

You will be assessed at the end of each unit. We will focus on Speaking and Listening, Reading and creative writing.

Who Dunnit?

Can you solve the murder mystery? You will explore and analyse a range of non fiction texts to find hidden clues. You will use your language skills to write your own non-fiction pieces.

'Holes'

Louis Sachar

Explore different friendships while in a Texan juvenile detention center —Camp Green Lake. Through a series of flashbacks, you will learn how historical events can influence the present.

Year 10

AQA English Language
Paper 1

Language paper 1 is all about exploring creative reading and writing. You'll be looking at an example of a fiction text and doing some creative writing. You will need to answer five questions, separated into two sections. In section A you are asked four questions about a fiction extract from the 20th or 21st centuries. In section B you answer one question from a choice of two, where you demonstrate your own creative writing skills.

AQA English Language
Paper 2

Language paper 2 explores non-fiction writers' viewpoints and perspectives. Section A consists of 4 questions, in which you'll analyse two linked sources across different time periods and genres. Section B consists of a single big question where you will write your own text for a specified audience, purpose and form. Here you'll provide your own perspective on a task related to the theme that was introduced in section A.

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Functional Skills

Level 1 and 2 Functional Skills in English are modular. You will be assessed in Reading, Writing and Speaking, listening and Communicating.

Year 11

GCSE English
Language
(AQA)

GCSE Speaking and Listening
Endorsements completed for
all Year 11

English Language revision
Paper1 and 2

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Functional Skills

You will have another opportunity to complete either Level 1 or 2.

Steps To Success

Determination

Reflection

Ambition

Conviction