

Y7

All students receive a complimentary book to read for pleasure through 'Book Buzz'. Students are able to choose from a selection of shortlisted books

ENGLISH

The English curriculum for every student ensures that students read whole texts, extracts, short stories, non-fiction, plays and poetry

LIBRARY

All students are able to use our fully stocked library during designated break times and lunch times, as well as library sessions

KS3

Weekly/fortnightly FUR during English lessons where students listen to expert reading

READING OFFER

COMPETITIONS & EVENTS

We hold at least two competitions or events per half term, as well as engaging with national events

CURRICULUM

Students receive reading across all subjects, as planned for by each department. As well as this, departments teach vocabulary explicitly which allows students to begin to speak like an expert

AFFIX OF THE WEEK

Every week, our academy has a new affix focus to allow our students to see word patterns across the curriculum

TUTOR

Every Thursday, students in Y7-10 have a dedicated tutor session where they read a topical news article and develop their oracy and critical thinking skills. We also have a weekly Tutor Affix Competition

All students have a reading profile, which is updated each time they sit their Reading Age test. This information is accessible to all of their teachers

FRESH START

We offer a systematic phonics programme for targeted students to help them with their reading accuracy, fluency and stamina

VOCABULARY

Identified students are pre-taught and post-taught vocabulary with a Teaching Assistant

SPECIALIST TEACHER

Identified students are taught reading through their English lessons with our transition teacher

INTERVENTIONS

LEXONIC

We offer both Lexonic Leap and Lexonic Advance to students to need extra support in reading. These diagnose phonics gaps and support students on a personalised learning pathway and also work to improve reading fluency and comprehension

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

GRAPHIC NOVELS

Students have access to graphic novels during their English lessons as well as a selection available to read for pleasure in the library. Our teachers also have access to Widget to adapt resources

EAL

Students who are not fluent in English will receive 1:1 provision by our dedicated EAL team

TEACHING ASSISTANTS

We have dedicated literacy specialist Teaching Assistants on hand to support in lessons and for 1:1 reading

ADDITIONAL CHALLENGE

For our students who need extra challenge, we also run critical thinking workshops, a reading ambassador programme and student librarian roles