

English Faculty

The English faculty strives to be at the heart of a vibrant curriculum at DACA. We want your child to become an outstanding reader, writer and speaker of Standard English. We will equip every child with the communication skills which are needed in an ever changing, technologically diverse world. This belief of the importance of literacy forms the foundation of our English curriculum. Through a range of exciting learning contexts your child will not only be equipped with the foundations for future entrepreneurial success, they will develop a love of literature and the master the skills need to make a success of their examinations at both GCSE and A-level.

How we work with your child to make progress at KS3 ?

Students in Year 7,8 and 9 follow a challenging programme of study which is aimed at providing all students with the skills needed to become independent readers, writers and communicators of Standard English. Not only does this prepare students for GCSE study, it also provides students with the important tools needed in other curriculum areas.

Students will be placed into progress groups. These have the common aim of working towards a specific curriculum goal for a short period of time. Underpinning every English lesson is pace, challenge and progress. We work hard to personalise the curriculum wherever possible. We can say with confidence that with their literacy skills developed and consolidated, all students will have a sound grounding for their studies at KS4.

Rationale of the KS4 Curriculum

Students in KS4 build on the knowledge, understanding and skills acquired in KS3: they already have the foundations for realising their potential at GCSE. Our job is to ensure that we carefully plan specific examination preparation opportunities. However, we ensure that the enjoyment remains! Students study a range of texts and are provided with opportunities to hone their writing skills so that they can approach their examinations with confidence. All students will gain a GCSE grade in English.

We also offer GCSE Media Studies and GCSE Film Studies. These option courses offer students an opportunity to reflect upon the media and analyse a range of media texts. Not only do students learn the analytical skills which are required in the examinations, they also develop discursive writing and the practical skills needed to create their own production.

Rationale of the KS5 curriculum

Students in KS5 are prepared for OCR GCE English Language and Literature. Over the two years course students study four challenging and engaging units. Each is designed to offer the students a chance to apply what they may have learned about the English language to a range of literary texts. Through thoughtful and imaginative teaching students are prepared for examination success and further study at degree level.

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