

Course Content/Skills Learnt:**Key Stage 3**

Students are exposed to a wide range of texts in their first Key Stage in Secondary School at Ricards. Each year, students will develop their Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening skills through a variety of different teaching methods including group and drama activities, pair work, peer and self-assessment.

We tailor our teaching styles to meet the individual needs of the students to ensure that all make progress every lesson.

Topics covered in Key Stage 3 include: Poetry, Grammar, Drama, a novel, Media and Non-fiction, and Spoken Language.

Key Stage 4

During the two years in Key Stage Four, students study GCSE English and English Literature. We were incredibly proud of our results last year: 76% of students achieved A*-C grades in English Language and 100% of students achieved A*- C in English Literature.

Key Stage 5

The RR6 links at AS and A2 level continue to thrive and develop. This has further enhanced opportunities for students to excel in their English studies within our experienced, high achieving and caring department. We have a 100% pass rate in AS and A2.

Assessment**Key Stage 3**

Assessment in English takes a range of forms: verbal, written, self and peer assessment as well as formal testing. Each year group at KS3 has a long term plan covering 6 half-termly units. Each unit targets specific Assessment Skills for Reading, Writing and Speaking & Listening. During each unit, students complete an assessment for the targeted Assessment Skills.

Key Stage 4

Students will be assessed through a mixture of mock exam assessments, Speaking and Listening assessments and final exams.

Books/other materials/useful websites to visit/field trips**Key Stage 3**

Some of the texts studied in KS3 are: 'Bridge to Terabithia' by Katherine Patterson, 'Tins' by Alex Shearer, 'Monster Garden' by Vivien Alcock, 'Private Peaceful' by Michael Morpurgo, 'Macbeth' and 'A Midsummer Nights' Dream' by William Shakespeare, 'The Other Side of Truth' by Beverley Naidoo, 'Noughts and Crosses' by Malorie Blackman. We have links with Wimbledon Book Festival and The Globe Theatre.

Key Stage 4

Some of the texts studied are: 'An Inspector Calls' by J.B. Priestley, 'The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde' by R.L. Stevenson, 'Romeo and Juliet'.

Visits to the Globe Theatre, Poetry by Heart and the Guardian Newspaper. We are also proud sponsors of the Wimbledon Bookfest.

English

Homework:

Homework is essential for consolidating what has been learned in the classroom and for promoting independent study. Homework is set once a week at KS3 and twice a week at KS4.

How parents can help:

Parents can help by ensuring their daughter has the correct equipment including a fountain pen and by encouraging a love of reading. Our Library has a fantastic choice of books for students to borrow. We believe that reading is an essential pastime for students to excel in English. We also hope that parents will support us in encouraging their daughters to become involved in actively reading and enjoying fiction as well as non-fiction. Parents should ensure that their daughter has access to a dictionary and thesaurus at home. Students should be encouraged to enter the many competitions and events that are on offer through the department eg the Wimbledon Bookfest.

