



Archbishop Tenison's

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL



English Curriculum

- *Across the KS3 and 4 curriculum, we study a range of fiction and non-fiction texts that focus on building the Knowledge, Understanding and Skills in the three areas of Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening vital to access the study of English at secondary school and beyond.*
- *Our curriculum is always evolving to ensure it is diverse, engaging and challenging, providing various opportunities to develop and nurture a love of English.*
- *Our curriculum is built around vertical strands with texts and skills studied in each Year Group being developed and deepened in successive years.*
- *Currently, we study novels from 'Private Peaceful' to 'Wonder', a variety of Shakespeare's plays from 'Much Ado About Nothing' to 'Macbeth' and a range of poetry from Grace Nichols to Dylan Thomas. In addition, we explore a variety of non-fiction texts from Robert Louis Stevenson to Sojourner Truth, J B Priestley and Nelson Mandela.*



What is great about English at Tenison's?

- *We teach our subject in mixed ability groups; we strongly believe this is the most effective way of securing academic success for all students. As such, we differentiate lessons to challenge pupils of all abilities.*
- *We employ a range of teaching strategies to ensure English is engaging for our pupils; we aim to make learning relevant to the world around them, building on skills for future success. We have a range of subject specialists who contribute to the dynamic teaching of our subject from linguistics specialists who have developed units on Language Change to theatre specialists who contribute to our teaching of plays. Our team also enjoy a range of literary genres that we aim to share with our pupils from classical poetry to children's literature and the post-modern novel.*
- *Our pupils enjoy the variety of texts and challenges English affords, as well as the opportunities presented for speaking and listening and creative writing. They also enjoy the passion and enthusiasm their teachers exhibit for each of the disciplines.*



Opportunities and Successes

- *Typically, we offer a range of extra-curricular activities, for example: special schools' performances at the Globe Theatre; we take part in the Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge; visits to the British Library to take part in special lectures on aspects of language; we have engaged in a variety of poetry workshops at St Paul's Cathedral; attended the English Language Conference focusing on various applications of English Language; we also run in-house Higher Grades Workshops.*
- *Many of our pupils go on to study English Language or English Literature at A Level and then on to studying English related courses at University. Last year, we had pupils preparing to study English Language at university, Creative Writing, English Literature and Linguistics.*
- *Studying English leads pupils to a wide variety of careers beyond our school community: Linguistics, Business Administration, Curating, Marketing, Journalism / Media, Law Education, Performing Arts, Health & Social Care, Leisure, Tourism, Civil Service, Archiving, Events Management, Human Resourcing, Copywriting, Politics, Public Relations, Editing, Screen Writing and many, many more.*