



ENGLISH

Extra curricular activities

The pupils study a range of English Language and English Literature that focuses on the key skills of reading, writing, speaking, and listening. In order to allow students to experience English outside the classroom, we arrange a series of extra-curricular experiences for pupils in all year groups.

Students at Key Stage 3 will have theatre groups visit to present classic texts; in recent years they have seen Jane Eyre, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Treasure Island, The Little Match Girl and others. We also take all of Year 7 to the Harry Potter Studios in London to tie in with their reading in terms one and two of The Prisoner Of Azkaban.

At Key Stage 4, we take our students to Poetry Live! In Bath each year, where they can listen to the poets they study at GCSE read and talk about their poems. We run an annual trip to the Globe theatre in London so that students can appreciate how the plays they study were first performed, and where possible we organise a trip to see their 20th century text performed too.

Our students also have the opportunity to take part in BBC School Report, working as journalists for the day, with the excitement of live updates from the BBC. Last year we organised it as an activity for all students from Year 7 to 10.

Similarly, three of our students with an interest in writing as a career have recently been contributing to the Salisbury Journal, finding their own stories and submitting them for publication.

Also, new for this year is our school magazine, which gives students a chance to experience journalism through writing and editing their own stories for publication.

Finally, we enter our students in a number of national competitions to encourage their creative writing. Year 7 all enter the annual 500 Words short-story writing competition, and all years are encouraged to take part in the Rotary Club's Young Writer competition, in which we have had considerable success at regional and national level in recent years.