

ENGLISH NEWSLETTER

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WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

Year 9

Pupils focus is on developing their critical thinking, persuasive writing and speaking skills through the study of Othello by William Shakespeare. Lessons explore key themes, characters and ideas, encouraging students to:

- Analyse language and authorial intent
- Construct persuasive written responses
- Take part in structured debates and discussions, justifying opinions with evidence

This unit supports confidence in expressing ideas clearly, both in writing and verbally.

Year 10

Students are beginning to build strong analytical writing skills through the study of a range of Sherlock Holmes short stories by Arthur Conan Doyle. Alongside close reading and discussion, pupils:

- Write analytical responses using evidence and terminology
- Complete extended creative writing tasks inspired by the texts
- Develop mature interpretations through collaborative discussion

This approach strengthens both exam-style responses and imaginative writing.

Year 11

Year 11 students follow independent learning programmes designed to consolidate and extend their skills across reading and writing. This programme allow pupils to:

- Revise and apply skills at all levels
- Read widely and respond thoughtfully to texts
- Develop independence, organisation and confidence ahead of next steps

This work supports students in becoming resilient, self-motivated learners.

COMPETITIONS

Create your own comic book!
Group or individual.
Closing date: July 17th 2026

MEET THE TEAM

