

Subject Overview

English is the study of literature and the English language. The subject aims to develop students' skills in **reading, writing, speaking, and listening**. We want all Southover pupils to have the language and communication skills to support their development across the curriculum but also to understand and talk about emotions to aid their mental health and well-being.

The subject includes:

Reading

- To develop the habit of reading widely and for enjoyment. We wish to empower students to decode, analyse and interpret a wide range of texts to equip pupils with a command of the spoken and written word.

Writing:

- To write for a wide range of purpose supporting literacy skills and written communication across the curriculum and beyond academia life.

Speaking & Listening:

- To use discussion to widen vocabulary and, support and enhance learning and communication across the curriculum and beyond.

Student Outcomes

By studying English, young people will develop a broad range of knowledge and skills:

- **Literacy:** Studying English helps students develop critical thinking skills. By analysing texts, learning grammar, and writing essays, students improve their ability to reason logically, express ideas clearly, and understand complex concepts.
- **Communication Skills:** English is one of the most widely spoken languages in the world. By learning it, students can communicate with people from various cultures and backgrounds, both in person and online. Students will be able to articulate their thoughts and feelings clearly.
- **Cultural Awareness:** English literature, media including film, are rich with diverse perspectives. Studying English introduces students to works of literature, history, and various cultures, broadening their understanding of the world and increasing cultural capital.

- **Access to Information:** Knowing the language gives students access to a vast amount of knowledge and resources via books, websites, scientific research, and news.
- **Careers and Employment:** students will know about a range of English career pathways available to them in various industries as well as support their general functional skills in the world of work. A strong command of English opens doors to university programmes, scholarships, and career opportunities.

Qualifications

We offer the following Key Stages 4 or 5 qualifications:

- AQA GCSE English Language
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- Pearson Functional Skills Functional Skills Level 1-2
- Pearson Functional Skills Functional Skills Entry Level 1-3
- OCR A-Level Literature