

How to help your child succeed in English



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READING

Reading at home can involve:

- ☑ listening to your child read out loud
- ☑ reading to each other
- ☑ encouraging your child to read and talking about what he or she has read
- ☑ encouraging your child to read with expression

It is helpful to:

- ☑ talk to your child about what he/she thinks might happen next
- ☑ discuss your child's reading preferences
- ☑ ask your child's opinion of a book
- ☑ talk to your child about what you have enjoyed reading

Finding a space to read

- ☑ reading is usually more enjoyable when there are no distractions like the television, radio or XBOX.

Don't forget:

- ☑ Use lots of praise
- ☑ Make a note of how much your child has read
- ☑ Recent research shows that children who see their parents read are more likely to read themselves
- ☑ Reading is enjoyable!
- ☑ The more practice you have - the better it gets.

LESSONS

What your child will require for English:

- ☑ pens
- ☑ pencils
- ☑ dictionary
- ☑ reading book for every lesson

Students are grouped according to KS2 data so that they are working towards maximum progress together with their peers. This allows staff to use stretching and challenging texts with all students and to challenge them to develop their skills together and beyond expectations.

Staff will ensure that students are equally supported and challenged.

Attached to the English department, we have dedicated, specialist TA support for those who need it and to support teachers to spend more quality time with those who may be struggling.

We are a dedicated team who have the best interests of your child in mind, please do make an appointment to see us if there are any questions.



WRITING

Students will study many forms of fiction and non-fiction to inform the development and improvement in their own writing.

Basic technical skills must be constantly reinforced so that students use appropriate punctuation and grammar choices naturally and thoughtfully. This can be supported at home during homework time.

Reading together and discussing the text will help with ideas for students' writing and also with the improvement of vocabulary. This is a key point for development to GCSE English and we encourage students to keep a log of new vocabulary to use.



HOMEWORK

Students are expected to complete homework to the best of their ability. As parents, you can check homework has been completed and sign your child's planner to show that they have read at home.

Another way to support your child's homework might be by going to the library. If your daughter or son is not already a member, it is worth joining. The library has keen librarians who are willing to help.

Students will have a written task, a reading homework and a talk task to complete across the fortnight of the timetable. For further support, homework club is in the library.

Find a quiet space, away from screens, for your child to complete their homework.

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