



ENGLISH

CURRICULUM AIMS

Everything we do in **English** will help shape a positive future for life beyond school.

During their time at Cottingham High School, learners will become:

- **Eloquent Speakers**
- **Custodians of Literature**
- **Confident Communicators**
- **Linguists**
- **Critical Readers**
- **Citizens of the Community**

<p>Believe</p> <p>Shaping positive futures in the development of personal characteristics</p>	<p>Eloquent speakers:</p> <p>Within both Language and Literature, learners will have opportunities to practise oracy skills in a safe and comfortable environment. Using learners' knowledge, which is informed by literature, we explore varied contexts and building cultural capital, to ensure that learners have the vocabulary and the tools to debate issues, persuade viewpoints and articulate their ideas to others fluently, confidently and accurately.</p> <p>Custodians of literature:</p> <p>The 'mastery' curriculum provided promotes an appreciation and passion for reading throughout Key Stage 3. Learners will have opportunities to read complex and rigorous texts, exploring a range of authors from a variety of genres, increasing in complexity to encourage learners to develop into independent readers who choose reading material for challenge, interest and enjoyment. At Key Stage 4, learners will study literature alongside fellow learners, creating a sense of community and a shared love of language.</p>
<p>Achieve</p> <p>Shaping positive futures by helping our pupils to achieve</p>	<p>Confident communicators:</p> <p>Through our curriculum, learners will tackle both pre-1914 and contemporary literature, including prose, poetry and drama. This ambitious, rich and wide range of literature helps learners to acquire an extensive vocabulary which will enable learners to become eloquent and successful communicators beyond the classroom. The coherently planned curriculum makes certain that learners have opportunities to practise writing in a range of contexts, purposes and audiences to ensure that learners develop the ability to become competent and accurate writers who write with purpose and creativity, paying attention to accurate grammar, punctuation and spelling.</p> <p>Linguists:</p>

	<p>Throughout learners' time at Cottingham High school, they will be taught the skills required to decode and analyse a range of text types. The demanding nature of the texts helps to promote academic excellence and rigour as they build resilience, develop their literacy skills and instil an ability to deconstruct language. Learners will leave Cottingham High School adept in comprehension, understanding the nuances of language and word choice, preparing learners to thrive in a world beyond education.</p>
<p>Succeed</p> <p>Shaping positive futures so that pupils can contribute to wider society and life beyond school</p>	<p>Critical readers:</p> <p>Through our varied curriculum, learners will have many opportunities to explore the exciting contexts that have shaped some of the world's most influential texts, enabling learners to understand the importance and have an appreciation for our literary heritage which will impact upon both their reading and writing skills. We provide the opportunity for every student to watch live performances, allowing learners to experience texts brought to life, the way that they were intended to be received, in an immersive and engaging setting. This helps to enrich learners' understanding of drama and develop their textual curiosity.</p> <p>Citizens of the community</p> <p>Through our challenging and diverse curriculum, learners address morality, debate with their peers and are encouraged to establish their own judgements, through a range of fiction and non-fiction texts. Through a range of settings, characters and situations, that they will encounter through literature, learners can develop their understanding and become empathic individuals, who practise respect and tolerance in their daily lives. Through a range of writing units, we debate topical issues, ensuring learners have a thorough awareness of democracy, law and individual liberty, helping learners become valued members of the community.</p>