

ENGLISH AT CARDINAL WISEMAN BY DANIEL



In Cardinal Wiseman we have an English department where we learn about all about English language and literature. Our English teachers are kind, helpful and allow us to fulfil our potential.

Reading

Our overall reading ability is improved massively by the English Department.

Students will read a variety of short stories and extracts, taken from a wide variety of forms, including fiction and non-fiction. In Year 7 we have studied Humpty Dumpty the play and a variety of war poems.

Poetry

This unit serves as an introduction to poetry. This allows us to develop an appreciation of the poetic form.

We get to explore a wide variety of poetic forms including ballad, rap, haiku and sonnet. We also get the chance to compose our own poetry.

Imaginative writing

We read extracts from a range of fiction as a stimulus for our writing.

Our communication and literacy skills are greatly improved through reading, writing, and speaking activities. We do drama activities to help our understanding – I particularly enjoy the drama activities.

At Key Stage 3, we consolidate and improve our ability to write and respond

to a variety of texts. This prepares us for Key Stage 4, where there is a strong emphasis on developing analytical capacity when reading; structure and cohesion in writing; and confidence and clarity in spoken language.

We are exposed to a range of literature, and learn to reflect on how concepts and values are presented and explored through different language techniques and styles. We will develop an appreciation for poetry and literature within an innovative, safe and positive environment that allows us to take risks.

We develop further their communicative skills through exposure to film, theatre and the arts through enrichment. Lessons make regular use of the library and of computers for word processing and research purposes. Currently, pupils are entered for GCSEs with the Educe exam board in English Language and English Literature.

My own experience

I have learnt a lot in my English group. I like to read poetry and acting out plays. My favourite lesson was when I needed to act out a play in front of my class mates; it was an amazing experience. It has helped my confidence. I like doing this because I like working as a team.

I feel like my English lessons help prepare me for my life in the future.

I love English!