



Our broad, challenging, and rich curriculum at Brownhills Ormiston Academy ensures that everyone is given the skills and knowledge to excel and to be ready to become independent learners both whilst at the academy and beyond. We help students overcome barriers to learning and develop their independence. This enables them to achieve and supports them with future goals and high aspirations. We do this through the positive relationships we have with our students and the learning environment we create. Combined, these elements ensure that our students feel confident to ask questions, seek guidance and share opinions with their peers.

We place literacy at the heart of our curriculum and support students in continually developing their reading, writing, and oracy skills from Year 7 through to Year 11. Alongside the explicit teaching of subject-specific vocabulary, we also teach grammar explicitly throughout Key Stage 3, ensuring students develop a strong understanding of sentence structures, punctuation, language accuracy and the conventions of written standard English. This foundation enables students to communicate effectively, write with increasing sophistication and access the wider curriculum successfully.

English students study a wide range of texts from around the world and from different eras such as Greek Mythology, Elizabethan, Victorian, Edwardian, and contemporary times. We promote British values and support students to appreciate different viewpoints and perspectives, thus enabling them to develop respect for the views of others and to contribute to a world which is safer because of mutual understanding and tolerance.

We study different forms of literature that will aid students in society, so they are familiar with the formats, purposes and audiences of novels, poems, short stories, articles, letters, and speeches, among others. English lessons will address topical issues that affect students, the community, different cultures and the wider world, enabling students to tackle subjects that impact people daily. English students consider issues of identity, gender, race and our place in the world, through the texts studied and layers of discussion and analysis which follow.

Throughout their English careers at Brownhills, students will learn to be:

Ready to open their minds to different viewpoints and perspectives on the world, as well as being ready to express themselves meaningfully.

Respectful of everyone's right to learn, as well as their input about the texts we study in class.

Safe to be creative in their responses, to share ideas and challenge themselves academically with the aim of becoming a more developed student in English.