

# English at The William Henry Smith School & Sixth Form



## Intent

All students will develop their understanding of the spoken word and their capacity to participate effectively in a variety of speaking and listening activities.

All students will develop their ability to read, understand, enjoy and respond to all types of texts.

All students will develop their ability to construct and convey meaning in written language using appropriate grammar and standard English.

## Implementation

English teaching provides opportunities for our students to experience and explore language in a variety of contexts.

Our students will develop their knowledge of how language works through whole class discussion and questioning techniques. Our students will explore texts in detail through our VIPERS delivery, allowing them to explore a variety of vocabulary, use inference techniques, make predictions, explain and retrieve information and summarise and sequence stories.

Our students will be supported to write well-structured sentences using appropriate vocabulary, accurate spelling, punctuation and grammar and are taught the importance of checking, editing and improving their written work.

## Impact

In English, our students progress is monitored throughout the year using teacher assessment.

All students will have the opportunity to work towards external qualifications depending on their own individual pathway, which may include Step Up to English ELC, Functional Skills Level 1 and 2, GCSE English Language.



*Literacy is the ability to read, write, speak and listen in a way that lets us communicate effectively and make sense of the world.*



*We live in a digital age. The influx of new technologies is transforming the way children and young people access reading material, with digital reading becoming an increasingly important part of children's literacy lives.*