

English



The Department...

Eston Park School's English Department is committed to offering the highest possible standard of Education. We aim to provide opportunities for all pupils to learn and achieve, giving them the literacy skills they can use both at school and home. We expect all learning to take place in a creative and imaginative way.

We offer a wide range of resources for all abilities which cover many different topics, themes and ideas from different cultures and traditions. These ensure that every pupil can appreciate life and literature which promotes their development and prepares all pupils for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of life.

Staff and Responsibilities

The department is fully staffed with specialist English teachers.

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| Miss N McLean | - Head of Department |
| Miss M Holian | - Acting Head of Department |
| | - KS4 Co-ordinator |
| Mr J Goodwill | - Acting Deputy Head of Department |
| | - KS3 Co-ordinator |
| | - KS5 Co-ordinator |
| Mr M Smith | |
| Miss J Sweeting | |
| Mrs L Wilkinson | |
| Miss K Faloona | |
| Miss A Carter | |
| Miss L Hall | |
| Mrs L Hewitt | |
| Miss B Carr | |
| Mr D Robinson | |



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Key Stage 3

Pupils at Key Stage 3 study a range of fiction, non-fiction, drama, media and poetry texts. All KS3 pupils are regularly assessed using our APP tracking system and given intervention where necessary. Pupils are encouraged to be creative and produce a variety of work they can take pride in which is celebrated at the end of the school year in our annual celebration evening and magazine publication. Learning includes: Pre and Post 20th Century Prose and Poetry, Media – newspapers, internet, magazines, television, film and advertising, Shakespeare, studies of both fiction and non-fiction texts, writing techniques, styles and purposes, including creative writing.

Key Stage 4

Pupils at Key Stage 4 study for two GCSE qualifications: English Language and English Literature. Over the course of two years they will produce a portfolio containing 5 pieces of controlled assessments which will make up a percentage of their final GCSE grades.

Our examination results are excellent and reflect the hard work and dedication of both staff and pupils.

A-Level

There are many reasons to study English at A Level not least of which is the love of the subject. We offer two A Level courses, English Language and English Literature. An A-Level in English is a desirable qualification, highly regarded by Universities and employers; it provides students with knowledge and skills that they will be able to use whatever their career choice.

View our publication '*Excellence in English*' and pupil work from all

Key Stages on the English page

[www.estonpark.co.uk /public_html/english](http://www.estonpark.co.uk/public_html/english)

Homework

All pupils are expected to read for pleasure as part of their homework and parents are requested to encourage this. Other homework is set regularly to extend learning and to encourage pupils to be independent learners. Homework tasks encourage pupils to develop their skills and knowledge and give them the opportunity to produce work of which they can be proud. Many pupils get the opportunity to produce

homework projects which are worked on over a half term and this allows pupils to carry out research and use ICT to produce a piece of work that complements their learning within the classroom.

Trips and Visits

The English Department organise many trips over the course of each academic year to help extend pupils' learning. Previous trips have included visits to London to see West End theatre productions as well as trips to local theatres to see Shakespeare performances and

Pantomimes. Travelling theatre companies and guest authors also visit the school to deliver performances and readings to the pupils in order to help them improve their understanding of key texts. The English Department works closely with other subjects to provide a range of cross curricular learning activities such as *CSI@EPS* with Science and *National Book Week* with Creative Arts.

Extra Help

The department has specialist support staff allocated in certain sets as well as specialist English teachers used in intervention groups.

All pupils are monitored constantly to ensure they are making good progress. If any pupil is seen to be not making progress there are many layers of intervention that are offered to ensure that the pupils fulfil their potential. All pupils are offered stay back revision and coursework sessions in the build up to national examinations.

