

# SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD IN KS3 – ENGLISH



## LITERACY IS KEY TO ALL SUBJECTS, NOT JUST ENGLISH

- Literacy is at the heart of all learning - and being able to confidently and articulately communicate through speech and writing is an essential life skill, which we develop, nurture and encourage throughout a student's educational journey at NPA. Promoting reading for pleasure and encouraging students to read beyond the taught texts, ensures an independent interest and a lifelong love of reading.
- In order to be able to read and write fluently, a knowledge of grammatical structures and vocabulary is vital, along with the ability and desire to interpret and create a range of different genres. Through English, students acquire an understanding of different cultures, contexts and audiences in which they demonstrate an inquisitive, critical and reflective attitude towards the world.

# OUR CURRICULUM PATHWAY

## Key Concepts

Classical Allusions

Biblical Allusions

Shakespeare

Literary Heritage

Tragic/Comic Drama

Structure

Gothic

Writer's Perspectives

Love and Relationships

Contexts

Friendship

Nature

Wealth and Poverty

Class and Society/Power



The Pursuit of Excellence



Valuing People



Achievement For All



High-Quality Learning Environment



Extends the Boundaries of Learning

We study a range of texts across the KS3 curriculum that give our students the opportunity to develop the skills they will need to be successful in their GCSEs.

They will look at a range of prose, plays, poems and transactional writing, revisiting these skills throughout their academic journey to reinforce and develop their understanding.

## WHAT OUR LESSONS LOOK LIKE

Home learning tasks

English learning material is taught through interactive lessons. Tasks are varied to ensure that the stepping-stones of knowledge from Year 7 support the learning required for the GCSE examinations in Year 11.

Regular spelling tests

Focus lessons on SPaG

Comprehension, analytical skills, narrative and descriptive writing, use of subject specific language and development of writer's methods, along with improvement of vocabulary, spellings, punctuation and grammar, are part and parcel of the day-to-day workings in English at NPA.

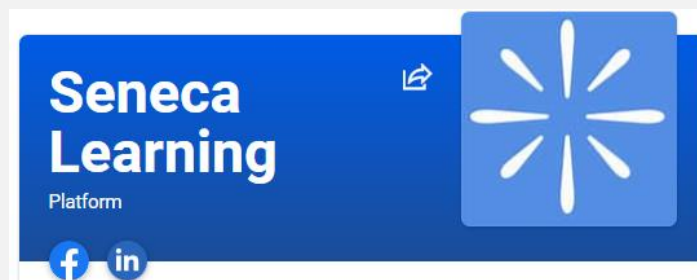
In class assessments

PTE / NGRT tests

No lesson is wasted – no learning is worthless.

Independent reading

# WAYS TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD AT HOME



Should there be any questions that you may have about English at NPA please contact your child's English teacher in the first instance.  
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