

What will Year 7 students learn and how many lessons will they have each week?

Throughout the year, Year 7 students will have access to literature from all era including *Wonder* by R J Palacio and Shakespeare's *The Tempest*. Students will look at Gothic creative writing, non-fiction writing and poetry within their first year of being at the academy.

Students will have 4 x 50 minute lessons a week.

What will Year 7 students need to bring with them to lessons?

Students will need to bring their fully equipped pencil cases, planners, and homework.

We would also advise students to bring a reading book with them.

Will Year 7 students have homework in this subject? How much?

Students will receive one piece of homework a week which can be completed in under thirty minutes, this includes learning spellings, literary devices work sheets and writing a book review for their peers.

How can I support my child at home with their learning in this subject?

To supplement the learning in English, parents can support with spelling practise, encouraging reading both fiction and non-fiction, include topical debates from the news in regular conversation and build confidence through communication skills.

What opportunities are there for further study and careers in this subject?

English is one subject that opens a plethora of doors. It is the foundation of every career path one may take. English allows creative minds to thrive and often these students carry on studying this in sixth-form and at university. However, English allows children the skills to walk into almost any job through written competency, clear communication skills and inference skills.

Careers that are often associated with English are: Teaching, Lawyers, Publishers, Digital Marketer, Social Media Influencer, author and Film and Tv industry.

Will there be trips?

At Watling Academy, we value lessons learnt through the practical application of English, we hope to offer trips to the theatre so students are able witness the texts that they will study come alive.

This will offer an enriching part of English that cannot be provided in the classroom by understanding theatre space, audience style and application of character tropes.

What can my child read to prepare them for secondary school?

We believe that reading anything is better than reading nothing, however, here are some books that will prepare your child for their English lessons.

A Series of Unfortunate Events, Goodnight Mr Tom, The Diary of Anne Frank, Diary of a Wimpy Kid, The Hunger Games and The Boy in the Back of the Class.