

# English

# Sequence of Learning

A Visual Roadmap Through Key Stages

# Learning Journey Overview

Progressive development across key stages

**Discover**

KS2

**Explore**

KS3

**Aspire**

KS3

**Lead**

KS4

**Ready**

KS4

*Three Key Strands woven throughout each stage*

# Three Key Strands

Core literacy skills that develop throughout the curriculum

## Reading

Comprehension and analysis

## Writing

Creative and technical  
composition

## Spoken Language

Communication and  
presentation

# DISCOVER

Key Stage 2 - Building foundations for literacy

## Reading

- Read words fluently
- Understand vocabulary meanings
- Learn phonics to decode
- Respond to texts
- Know fiction vs non-fiction

## Writing

- Write full sentences
- Use appropriate letter sizes
- Write about real and made up events
- Create interesting characters
- Change verb tenses

## Spoken Language

- Listen and respond appropriately
- Ask relevant questions
- Give structured descriptions
- Participate in group work
- Engage in role play

# EXPLORE & ASPIRE

Key Stage 3 - Developing independence and critical skills

## Reading

- Read passages fluently
- Understand word origins
- Use evidence in responses
- Identify figurative language
- Explore genres
- Examine dramatists' work

## Writing

- Write for different audiences
- Use figurative language
- Apply rhetorical devices
- Use planning methods
- Reflect through proof reading
- Use Tier 2 vocabulary

## Spoken Language

- Use Standard English
- Give short speeches
- Perform scripts and poetry
- Use tone for impact
- Adapt speech for audience

# LEAD & READY

Key Stage 4 - Mastering skills for qualifications and beyond

## Reading

- Choose books for pleasure
- Read widely
- Apply contextual info
- Respond critically
- Understand language effects
- Analyse structure

## Writing

- Use punctuation for effect
- Adapt to audience
- Write summaries
- Use paragraphs effectively
- Enhance with language
- Use vocabulary confidently

## Spoken Language

- Use Standard English with confidence
- Maintain audience interest
- Use rhetorical devices
- Respond in formal discussions

# Progressive Development

How learning deepens across key stages

## Foundation

KS2: Identify,  
explain, describe

## Development

KS3: Analyse,  
compare, evaluate

## Mastery

KS4: Critically  
assess, synthesise

## Confidence

KS4: Apply  
independently

**Continuous growth from basic literacy to confident, effective communication**

# Empowering Students

*Through progressive English education*

Building confident, articulate, and literate young adults ready for life beyond  
school