

English

English in S1 and S2 is taught as a two year course. Pupils will study a variety of topics in English which can be grouped under the following headings.

Reading

close reading skills

critical reading of prose, poetry, plays and media texts

guided personal reading using our Reading Trail

Listening

listening for information

listening in order to respond to texts

Talking

individual talks about personal experiences and about research pupils have done

group talk and discussion

Writing

Pupils will learn to use various styles and genres of writing. These are grouped together under the following headings:

Functional

to express argument or opinion

to give information

newspaper reports

formal letters

Personal

accounts of personal experiences

reflective writing

Imaginative

short stories

poetry

play scripts

Assessment

Teachers will discuss with your son or daughter the targets towards which they are working. While most work will be marked using comments and targets, 5 - 14 levels (A to F) may be awarded for certain pieces of corrected work.