**Aims of the English Programme of Study at KS3**

The overarching aim for English in the national curriculum is to promote high standards of language and literacy by equipping pupils with a strong command of the spoken and written word, and to develop their love of literature through widespread reading for enjoyment. The national curriculum for English aims to ensure that all pupils:

1. read easily, fluently and with good understanding
2. develop the habit of reading widely and often, for both pleasure and information
3. acquire a wide vocabulary, an understanding of grammar and knowledge of linguistic conventions for reading, writing and spoken language
4. appreciate our rich and varied literary heritage
5. write clearly, accurately and coherently, adapting their language and style in and for a range of contexts, purposes and audiences
6. use discussion in order to learn; they should be able to elaborate and explain clearly their understanding and ideas
7. are competent in the arts of speaking and listening, making formal presentations, demonstrating to others and participating in debate.

**Aims of the Languages Programme of Study at KS3**

The national curriculum for languages aims to ensure that all pupils:

understand and respond to spoken and written language from a variety of authentic sources

speak with increasing confidence, fluency and spontaneity, finding ways of communicating what they want to say, including through discussion and asking questions, and continually improving the accuracy of their pronunciation and intonation

can write at varying length, for different purposes and audiences, using the variety of grammatical structures that they have learnt

discover and develop an appreciation of a range of writing in the language studied.

Pupils should be taught to:

**Grammar and vocabulary**

identify and use tenses or other structures which convey the present, past, and future as appropriate to the language being studied

use and manipulate a variety of key grammatical structures and patterns, including voices and moods, as appropriate

develop and use a wide-ranging and deepening vocabulary that goes beyond their immediate needs and interests, allowing them to give and justify opinions and take part in discussion about wider issues

use accurate grammar, spelling and punctuation.

**Linguistic competence**

listen to a variety of forms of spoken language to obtain information and respond appropriately

transcribe words and short sentences that they hear with increasing accuracy

initiate and develop conversations, coping with unfamiliar language and unexpected responses, making use of important social conventions such as formal modes of address

express and develop ideas clearly and with increasing accuracy, both orally and in writing

speak coherently and confidently, with increasingly accurate pronunciation and intonation

read and show comprehension of original and adapted materials from a range of different sources, understanding the purpose, important ideas and details, and provide an accurate English translation of short, suitable material

read literary texts in the language [such as stories, songs, poems and letters], to stimulate ideas, develop creative expression and expand understanding of the language and culture

write prose using an increasingly wide range of grammar and vocabulary, write creatively to express their own ideas and opinions, and translate short written text accurately into the foreign language.