



English

Newent Community School and Sixth Form Centre's English Department is a vibrant team of specialist teachers committed to making sure that all students, no matter what their ability, reach their maximum potential. We are ambitious about allowing all learners to connect with core concepts and be able to communicate that understanding once they have made connections.

Underpinning our curriculum are the core concepts of creativity and communication. This supports our shared goal to develop study of identities, perspectives and relationships, building links with community and other cultures. We have arranged our schemes of learning in each year to move from the knowledge and understanding of what it is to be a reader into creative writing of different genres and then into an exploration of literature and poetry. This curriculum structure spirals through each year, covering texts of increasing complexity. Our curriculum allows roughly equal time to enabling learners to develop their writing and oracy skills, as well as metacognition about reading skills, and gaining cultural capital from increasingly challenging texts. This is because we are ambitious about allowing all learners to connect with core concepts as well as communicating that understanding once they have made connections. Although we may vary the time spent on units and the method of delivery of lessons, we have the same academic expectations of all.

Our external examinations entries begin in Year 9; students sit the AQA Functional Skills Level 2 exam at the end of the year. Preparations for this exam cover the range of skills they will need to move into Year 10 where they begin their studies for GCSE English Language and English Literature. We use the WJEC exam board at GCSE and AQA at A Level. At the end of Year 11, all students sit their final exams in English Language and English Literature. These are assessed entirely on external examinations.

We also offer the popular AQA courses GCE A Level English Literature and well as English Language, which continue to provide us with strong results.

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