



Super Curriculum – English Language

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Reading:

- The Oxford English Dictionary
- A Little Book of Language by David Crystal
- Language A-Z by David Crystal



Watching:

- The Story of English
- The Adventure of English
- Stephen Fry's Planet Word



Listening:

- 6 Minute Grammar (podcast)
- Happy English Podcast



Doing:

- Read and write reviews of books, films, video games and TV.
- Write stories and articles about current affairs.



Academic Enrichment:

- Join a Club
- Creative Writing Club (Girls – Year 8 – Fridays – H4)
- R. Russell Book Club (Girls – Year 7 – Mondays – Girls' LRC)
- E. Ryder BGS Book Award
- (Girls – Year 8 – Thursdays – U5) J. Elliott



Competitions:

- The Young Walter Scott Prize
- The Portico Sadie Massey Award
- The Orwell Youth Prize



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Reading:

- Mother Tongue by Bill Bryson
- 'Eats, Shoots & Leaves: The Zero Tolerance Approach to Punctuation' by Lynne Truss
- 'The Dord, the Diglot, and an Avocado or Two: The Hidden Lives and Strange Origins of Common and Not-So-Common Words' by Anu Garg David Crystal
- The English Language: A Guided Tour of the Language. Discover Grammar by David Crystal
- How Language Works by David Crystal The Story of English in 100 Words by David Crystal



Watching:

- The Story of English
- The Adventure of English
- Stephen Fry's Planet Word



Listening:

- The Vocal Fries (podcast)
- The Allusionist (podcast)
- Grammar Girl (podcast)
- 6 Minute Grammar (podcast)



Doing:

- Read an article a week from the opinion sections of The Times, The Guardian, The Daily Telegraph, The Independent.
- Conduct research into an issue you feel passionate about.
- Write a report based on the information you have acquired.
- Keep an etymology journal where you record the origins of words.



Academic Enrichment:

- Debating Club (Boys – Year 11 – Tuesday Week 1B and Wednesday Week 2A – Boys' LRC) K.Lynch
- Debating Club (Girls – Year 9 – Week B Wednesdays, 1:25pm in U4)



Competitions:

- The Young Walter Scott Prize
- The Portico Sadie Massey Award
- The Orwell Youth Prize



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Reading:

- The following texts may give you an insight into undergraduate study and beyond.
- The Use of English by Randolph Quirk
- A History of the English Language by Albert C Baugh
- Roget's Thesaurus of English Words and Phrases
- A Comprehensive Grammar of the English Language by Randolph Quirk, Sidney Greenbaum, Geoffrey Leech, Jan Svartvik
- The Longman Grammar of Spoken and Written English by Douglas Biber, Stig Johansson, Geoffrey Leech, Susan Conrad, Edward Finegan
- The Cambridge History of the English Language (editor-in-chief, Richard M Hogg)
- The Cambridge Guide to English Usage by Pam Peters
- The Cambridge Encyclopedia of the English Language by David Crystal
- Our Magnificent Bastard Tongue by John McWhorter
- 'Origins of the Specious: Myths and Misconceptions of the English Language' by Patricia T. O'Conner and Stewart Kellerman
- 'The Lexicographer's Dilemma: The Evolution of "Proper" English, from Shakespeare to South Park' by Jack Lynch Henry Hitchings,
- Dr Johnson's Dictionary: The Book that Defined the World: The Extraordinary Story of the Book That Defined the World.



Watching:

- The Story of English
- The Adventure of English
- Stephen Fry's Planet Word



Listening:

- The Vocal Fries (podcast)
- The Allusionist (podcast)
- Lexicon Valley (podcast)
- That's What They Say (podcast)
- Grammar Girl (podcast)
- 6 Minute Grammar (podcast)
- LIngthusiasm (podcast)

Doing:

- Keep a record of language use based on everyday observations e.g. your observations of male and female talk or examples of dialect.
- Read several articles a week from the opinion sections of The Times, The Guardian, The Daily Telegraph, The Independent.



Academic Enrichment:

- Essay Writing (Year 13 – Wednesdays – Weeks 1A and 2B – Period 5)
K.Lynch
- BGS Book Award (Year 13 – Fridays – U5) J. Elliott



Competitions:

- The Young Walter Scott Prize
- The Portico Sadie Massey Award
- The Orwell Youth Prize