

## ENGLISH AT THE OPEN ACADEMY

Our school vision **“Courage in every step, faith in every journey”**

Students will gain an understanding of how reading and writing, both modern and contemporary, aids our understanding of the world around us. Throughout their time at Open Academy, students will acquire and study a range of diverse and challenging texts to support them in their own journey of becoming readers and writers. They will have the opportunity to learn how to communicate effectively both orally and in the written form. In turn, they will grow in confidence as writers who seek to express ideas both imaginatively and transactionally.

RESPECT	ASPIRATION	PERSEVERANCE
Students will show respect for varying text types and writers. They will learn about a wide range of texts and authors who have influenced modern day literature.	Inspiring students through exposure to a wide range of texts to help them develop resilience and encourage them to take healthy risks in pursuit of their aspirations.	Students will learn to put failures and mistakes into a growth mindset and view challenges as opportunities to learn and grow through the application and practice of core literary and language skills.
SPIRITUALITY	GLOBAL CITIZENS	AWE AND WONDER
In responding to a poem, story or text; students can be asked ‘I wonder what you think happens next?’, ‘How would you feel if you were the person in the story?’, ‘Where have you met these ideas before?’ Spirituality is nurtured through enabling students to express and compare their personal beliefs through discussions and stories.	Students will engage with a diverse range of high quality texts as part of the curriculum. It enables our young people to learn about cultural differences, neurodiversity, social and historical backgrounds and global issues in the wider world around them.	Extra-curricular experiences such as clubs and performances offer students the opportunity to find their own passion, creativity and love of reading, writing and performing.