

KS3 Nurture Curriculum

Students are directed towards this course for one of two reasons:

1. They need additional opportunities to master the foundation skills needed to make good progress both in English and across their curriculum.
2. They have additional learning needs which means that they need more time to complete tasks and thus make less progress in lessons than their peers.

This course is:

- A responsive, highly personalised series of interventions, activities and practise exercises designed to meet the gaps in English and learning skills that will hold these pupils back at KS3 and KS4 if they are not addressed properly
- Planned through close collaboration between the English and Learning Support departments who will gather and create a series of specialist resources so that pupils can benefit from a customised approach to their skills gaps.

Course Overview

- Year 7 – 2 lessons/week
- Year 8 – 2 lessons/week
- Year 9 – 2 lessons/week
- Students studying Nurture will be removed from Modern Foreign Language lessons, in order to develop their English.
- Students will be exposed to Modern Foreign Languages via topics/units within the Nurture course.

Closing the English Skills Gap

Most pupils struggle with one or more of the following issues:

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| • Spelling | • Reading comprehension |
| • Punctuation | • Reading fluency |
| • Limited vocabulary | • Problems with handwriting |
| • Undeveloped reading habit | • Problems with planning |
| • Low reading age | • Cultural deficit |
| • Reading decoding | • Difficulties with formal spoken English |