

## Welcome to English at JRCS!

In preparation for September, the English department would like to share with you what you can expect from your experience with us, and hopefully get excited about all the amazing opportunities in store!

### What can I expect from my English lessons?

English is such an amazing subject for building your confidence, allowing you to find your voice and express your opinions. At JRCS, we have developed our teaching and learning to enhance your voice in a way that is accessible and fun. For example, in Year 7, we study an ancient Greek text called *The Odyssey*; we discover heroes and villains, gods and goddesses, monsters and mythical creatures – and we consider the question: what does it truly mean to be a hero? Additionally, we believe in fostering a love and appreciation for literature in creative ways, exploring approaches to reinterpreting poetry and short stories into works of our own.

### What books can I read at home to prepare?

We know that you might want to get a head start over the summer holiday, so here is a link to some suggested reading that you can enjoy at home to get you ready for September.



<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/reading-lists-for-ks3-pupils/suggested-reading-list-for-year-7-pupils-ks2-age-11-12/>

### What trips can I look forward to in English?

JRCS has a rich and vibrant array of trips opportunities, with our ACHIEVE days forming an important part of your experience as a student. The English department runs several trips to brighten your learning experience in and out of the classroom. One of these trips is to the Globe theatre in London, home of the Shakespearean play. Inside the theatre, which is an exact replica of Shakespeare's original after being burnt down by the Great Fire of London, you'll have the opportunity to see plays come to life and really understand what makes these characters tick. Not only that, but we also have the opportunity to visit London's Tate Modern, one of the most prestigious art galleries in the country. Through this visit, you will get to experience modern art with the intention of writing creatively using the artwork as inspiration. We want our students to be able to view and appreciate art and literature whilst using it as a muse for our own creativity.

### A first hand experience of English in Year 7 from our students:

*"Some of my favourite English lessons are the ones where we get to read and respond to short stories and express our ideas so that we can write our own. I also really enjoy having the opportunity to debate the reasons why characters behave certain ways. Hearing different opinions from my friends is interesting!"*

- Rosemary, Year 7