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**LITERACY for all:** In English and beyond...

Improved reading, writing, listening, talking and thinking strategies for staff and students include the Teacher Toolkit for planning, drafting, peer assessment, modelling and step by step analysis. It also provides methods for the deconstruction of texts, fully exploring connotations, developing subject specific vocabulary and advanced terminology and piecing together more sustained and refined responses which are coherent and convincing.

Furthermore, extended writing guides are provided for staff and for students, a range of oracy strategies such as Think-Pair-Share, listening comprehensions, Talking Roles, TalkTactics, as well as debates and formal presentations. We also recognise the role of structuring talk to support thinking, reading and writing and actively explore ways to make talk meaningful. The expectations for all staff in supporting literacy across the curriculum are also evident.

**Additional strategies to support literacy:**

Reading	Writing	Oracy
Mapping the Reading Curriculum	Language of an Expert	Oracy Roadmap through KS3
Diagnostic Testing for Year 7	Writing competitions	Oracy prioritised at KS3
Bespoke support for specific needs	Vocabulary prompts	Talk Mats
Word of the Week	Sentence starters	Visual Prompts
Reading Homework Year for Year 8 & 9 [Sparx Reader]	50 Ways to Express Yourself	Consistent Language
Book of the Month	Dictionaries on every desk	Talking Roles
Accelerated Reader in Year 7	Thesaurus on every desk	TalkTactics
Dynamic Reading using media	Language & Structure Guide	Classroom displays
Digital Library / Audio Books	Analytical Verb Prompts	Thinking Aloud in Year 8
Reading Buddies	Spelling Age Tests at KS3	Exploratory Talk
	Grammar Displays	Debates
	Student work celebrated	Presentations
	SPAG marking	Questioning each other

- Monitored Accelerated Reader lessons
- Word of the Week to stretch vocabulary
- Language of an Expert (to support written expression in all subjects)
- Multi-Media Unit in Year 8 on Creative Persuasion
- Thinking Aloud in Year 8 – Reading & Discussion
- Regular comprehension tasks for Year 9 each half term to raise standards

- Visual prompts in classrooms
- Book of the Month display in the entrance foyer
- Continued use of structured student talk
- Dynamic reading using visual media
- Speaking & Listening is included in all units to promote oracy and listening focus
- Reading Champions support reading across school
- Beginning every lesson with quiet independent reading for pleasure

Further opportunities include:

Author visits and writing competitions (*Tower Poetry, Alfred Hubberman, Mission Chaos, Rydal Mount etc*) provide cross curricular opportunities with other departments (eg History). National Poetry Day focuses on students writing about their favourite subjects at school. The Dove Cottage trip in Year 7 supports students' self-awareness and contextual understanding of their place in the world. We make full use of the Wordsworth Trust by organising visits by Living Poets, a Gothic Workshop in Year 9, Quill Writing for Year 7 and a trip to Lancaster University for Year 10 aimed at raising aspirations towards an English themed career in the future.