**WELCOME TO ENGLISH**

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**WHO ARE WE?**

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| * Mr C Aoun
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| * Miss Z Letki
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| * Mrs R Kenny
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| * Miss L Ferries (Literacy)
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| * Mr M Keown (Asst. CL & Drama)
 |
| * Mrs L Oates
 |
| * Miss L McDowall
 |
| * Mrs T Cain (LRC)
 |
| * Mr N Belger (CL & Media)
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**WHERE DO WE TEACH?**

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| **The LRC** |
| **Room 7** |
| **Room 8** |
| **Room 8A** |
| **Room 11** |
| **Room 12** |
| **Room 17** |
| **The Media Room** |

We are the **LARGEST** department in the school and you will be having five lessons every week with us. In English we study a whole range of things that we design for you to enjoy, to encourage you to express yourself more clearly and to make sense of the world we live in.

We also want you to share in our love of reading! Reading is really important to us and we give over plenty of time in the week for you to develop your reading skills. Alongside reading, we make sure you have lots of time to enjoy Drama in Year 7 too.

**WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO BE DOING?**

***You will be building an all the amazing and enjoyable work you have done at school so far. Some of the topics might be:***

* Looking at stories, novels and poems
* Improving your punctuation and seeing how it can create meaning
* Learning how to build a point of view
* Research new topics
* Using vocabulary to show how you understand the society around us
* Be persuasive!
* Be argumentative!
* Enhancing your skills in delivering speeches
* Working in groups on projects
* Changing your tone in writing to suit a specific audience
* Understanding the importance of looking a range of viewpoints
* Writing reviews
* Writing articles
* Debating important issues
* Being dramatic!

**FIVE SIMPLE TASKS TO TRY**

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| **1 PICK A WEEK. ANY WEEK. MAKE A NOTE OF ALL THE DIFFERENT THINGS YOU WATCHED, READ, LISTENED TO OR VIEWED ONLINE.****ADD SOME PICTURES. WRITE DOWN HOW LONG YOU SPENT ON EACH. THIS IS A MEDIA DIARY** |
| **2 WRITE A REVIEW OF A NEW TV PROGRAMME OR FILM YOU HAVE WATCHED. WHAT WAS IT ABOUT? WHERE WAS IT SET? WHO STARRED IN IT? WHAT DID YOU LIKE ABOUT IT? 250 WORDS MAX. COME UP WITH A FUNNY HEADLINE FOR THE REVIEW.**  |
| **3 WRITE US AN ACROSTIC POEM USING BOTH NAMES. TELL US SOMETHING ABOUT YOUR CHARACTER WITH EACH LINE. BE DETAILED AND SPECIFIC – LET US GET TO KNOW YOU!** |
| **4 TELL ME THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FACT AND OPINION. WRITE TEN FACTS ABOUT YOURSELF AND THE WORLD WE LIVE IN. THEN GIVE ME 10 OPINIONS.** |
| **5 WRITE ME A STORY THAT BEGINS WITH THE WORDS ‘IT WAS THE STRANGEST DAY OF MY LIFE….’ IT MUST BE EXACTLY 99 WORDS LONG AND END ON A CLIFF HANGER** |