

Literacy at Great Sankey High School

Introduction

Great Sankey High School seeks to ensure that all students have the opportunity to develop the highest levels of literacy across the curriculum. Literate young people will have access to a far wider range of opportunities on leaving school and high levels of literacy help provide the foundations for students to become life-long learners and socially responsible members of society.

We seek to develop our students' so that they learn to read and write for pleasure and that these become life-long habits. It is our belief that all children should engage with reading and writing and that this is a whole school responsibility. In addition to reading and writing, we also believe that literacy helps develop effective speaking and listening skills and enables students to use language in order to become independent learners, thinkers and communicators and enhances their future employment prospects.

The impact of our work can be seen most obviously in our strong English results.

How literacy is promoted

There are a number of different ways in which literacy is promoted throughout the school. These include:

- Literacy training forms part of our CPD with form tutors being supported to deliver the literacy passports in PSHE
- All students are tracked annually for reading and spelling ages in year 7. The information is also shared with all staff to enable appropriate differentiation as well as supporting progress across the whole curriculum.
- The English faculty hold regular meetings with primary Y6 teachers to bridge the gap between Year 6 and Year 7 and to ensure moderation of marks across both settings.

- The LRC is well used at social times and supports the curriculum.
- The LRC holds events throughout the year including visiting authors
- Year 7 homework expectations include 'reading for pleasure', where parents monitor independent reading at home
- Reading for pleasure is promoted by all staff in a variety of ways, including;; book signs on classroom doors.
- All students in years 7-9 complete a literacy passport
- All year 7 take part in Accelerated reader in their English classes