




Literacy is part of every lesson at Bluecoat Aspley Academy.



We promote vocabulary instruction in every subject.




We help students to read a range of complex texts.



We help students to break down complex writing tasks.



We combine reading and writing in subjects.



We provide opportunity for structured talk.



We provide high-level intervention packages to support students.

Literacy is not just part of our English lessons. Reading, vocabulary, speaking, listening and writing are promoted across the curriculum.

Students will develop their literacy skills in lessons, in form times and through extra-curricular opportunities.

Every member of staff believes that literacy can change lives.

We encourage students to use a range of strategies to decode and comprehend individual words.

We explicitly teach Tier 3 (subject specific) words and all subjects address Tier 2 (common complex) words.

Students have magpie books to help them record key terms and explore vocabulary.

We explicitly teach a range of strategies to help students to decode and comprehend a variety of texts.

We encourage students to read around their subjects and to read for pleasure.

We have an excellent library.

We promote a range of reading challenges, 'big events' and author visits.

We explicitly teach a range of strategies to support students as they plan, write and edit complex texts.

We encourage students to write as a subject expert being aware of their audience and purpose.

We support students to use accurate spelling, punctuation and grammar.

We explicitly teach students how to connect their reading to their writing.

We use models to support students as they write in response to a text.

We support students to interrogate a question to support their response and to understand what they are specifically being asked to do.

We encourage students to develop their active listening skills and respond appropriately to others' viewpoints.

We explicitly teach students how to present, how to debate, how to challenge and how to extend others' opinions.

We help students to make connections between speaking and writing.

We identify students who would benefit from support in different areas of literacy and seek to address these individual needs.

We organise a range of one-to-one, small group and online sessions to support students who find literacy challenging and to encourage students who want to extend their skills.

Bluecoat Aspley Academy: Literacy for Life