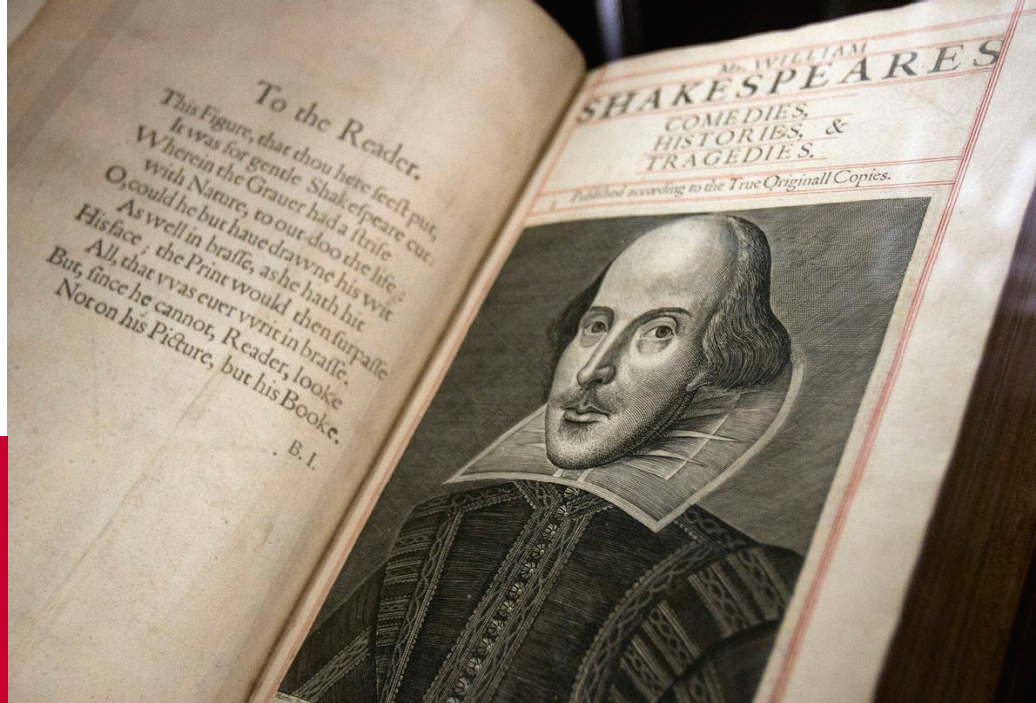




SHREWSBURY  
HOUSE SCHOOL

# ENGLISH



The English Department at Shrewsbury House strives to inspire understanding and appreciation for English language and literature, enabling pupils to become critical readers and effective communicators. English lessons at Shrewsbury House take the pupils on a journey through the exciting worlds of prose, poetry and drama.

Rigorous preparation for Common Entrance and Scholarships for entry to the country's most prestigious schools is, we believe, both driven and enhanced by our philosophy of providing a broad, flexible and ambitious English curriculum.

The boys' learning is led by high-quality literature across literary genres and time periods, with each year group studying whole novels as well as a Shakespeare play; boys are also exposed to a significant range of poetry. We have a strong reading culture within the school and boys are encouraged to discuss, explore and expand their reading preferences. Boys have the opportunity to express their own creative writing outside of the classroom in House writing competitions and external competitions from time to time.

We aim to enable boys to speak with confidence and communicate clearly in a wide variety of circumstances and situations. As well as frequent opportunities within the classroom, all boys participate in the annual Poetry Recital Competition and those in Years 3, 6 and 7 are entered for English Speaking Board examinations giving them the opportunity to gain awards for choral/group poetry recitals, interview skills and debating.

All boys from Years 3 – 7 participate in a Year group play every year. There are opportunities to read at the Harvest Festival and Carol Services as well as at school events and Assemblies.

Theatre outings, inspirational workshops from visiting specialists, as well as visits from best-selling authors and our annual Book Day event, further enhance the English curriculum.

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Head of English

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