

Y9 Supporting your child with English at home

The three crucial skills in Literacy are: **READING, WRITING, SPEAKING, and LISTENING**

Can you resolve to complete one of the below each week with your child?

Reading: the key skills in Year 9

- Give multiple ideas about your evidence
- Explore the writer's views shown within a text
- Explain meanings behind devices
- Read a wide range of texts from different genres

Supporting your child...

- Read the same book as your child and discuss their opinions on key events, how characters change throughout the text, look for proof in the book that supports ideas
- Take trips to the library or to book shops, and spend time looking at blurbs and talking about what might interest them
- Download the BBC News app or Newsround app and talk about what they have learnt about a news item and their views on it over dinner
- Use headlines to instigate conversations about word choice and the writer's views
- Talk about articles in the newspaper that may interest them and share views
- Discuss controversial topics within society and debate both sides of the argument

Writing: the key skills in Year 9

- Create thorough plans for each piece of writing
- Focus on the development of tension and intrigue
- Practise editing texts to ensure they are written accurately

Supporting your child...

- When reading articles with your child, discuss the layout, consider why articles are structured in particular ways and how interest is built
- Share formal and informal letters with children that you feel are appropriate (from school perhaps) and discuss the structure, language, layout
- Watch a scene from a dystopian or action film and create a description or narrative about the scene
- Take the opening line from a novel and plan an alternative plot/genre
- Encourage them to debate topics that are interesting to them as a child in the modern world e.g technology, equality, violence etc.

Speaking and Listening: the key skills in Year 9

- Develop views about global and national issues
- Clearly communicate views in a formal and persuasive manner
- Respond and ask questions about key topics

Supporting your child...

- Spend time watching the news with your child, ask them how they feel about recent events
- Debate controversial topics with them ensuring both sides of the argument are considered
- Watch some inspirational topics on TED talks there are hundreds of thousands of thought provoking speeches here.
- Talk about key figures in society and explain their opinions/views and what impact they have on your child's opinions and views.

