

# Y11 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 11**

- *Read, understand and respond personally to texts*
- *Select effective evidence*
- *Explore the effects of specific language and structural choices*
- *Explore writers' attitudes and ideas, and the contexts of texts*

### **Supporting your child...**

- Discuss the text your child is studying, asking about key characters and plot points
- Ask your child to explain their opinions about the characters in the texts and how they have drawn these conclusions
- Take trips to the theatre or cinema to see texts in performance
- Download Literature apps such as Gojimo and Seneca
- Support quotation learning through quizzing and cue cards
- Encourage your child to re-read GCSE texts independently to strengthen knowledge – perhaps you could read the texts too!
- Find audio book versions and film adaptations to share with your child
- Encourage your child to read other texts by the same author

## **Writing: the key skills in Year 11**

- *Write clearly and express ideas purposefully using effective sentence structures and vocabulary*

### **Supporting your child...**

- Share interesting articles with your child so that they are exposed to as much formal writing as possible
- Encourage your child to use a dictionary/thesaurus to support writing skills and use of vocabulary
- Ask them to share their exam responses with you so that you can celebrate what they have written
- Encourage your child to keep a spelling diary of repeatedly misspelt words and character names
- Discuss characters from texts and encourage your child to find precise, sophisticated vocabulary to describe them

## **Speaking and Listening: the key skills in Year 11**

- *Develop confidence in formal talk, expressing opinions and viewpoints on texts in an effective way*

### **Supporting your child...**

- When discussing films/ television ask your child if they can make any links with the texts they are studying
- Ask your child to read aloud essays and responses that they are proud of
- Encourage your child to discuss the text they are studying, giving their opinions and explaining to you what is happening
- Discuss current affairs and the news, asking your child if they can make any links to the texts they are studying

