

Literacy at Shrewsbury Academy

At Shrewsbury Academy, we are committed to ensuring that every student has the freedom to pursue their chosen career paths and seize all opportunities available to them. Equipping our students with essential literacy skills, we believe that no child should be limited in their future success due to a lack of proficiency in reading, writing and oracy. Literacy is the cornerstone of a child's overall development and well-being. It empowers them to navigate daily life, communicate effectively, express their ideas clearly, and comprehend the thoughts and perspectives of others. Our aim, at Shrewsbury Academy, is to develop students' reading ability to be at chronological age, to enable all students to become discerning readers of high-quality fiction and non-fiction texts and to nurture a lifelong love of reading that will instil a curiosity of learning in all our students.

We have implemented a variety of initiatives to elevate the importance of literacy within our school community. These include designated Reading School sessions as part of our daily Drop Everything and Read sessions across Key Stages 3 and 4. We deliver nurture lessons in year 7, to support students to develop reading skills through the medium of English and Humanities. Lexonic interventions are available to all students across years 7 to 11 where there is need, and Phonics sessions are delivered to groups of students who need support with phonetic decoding. Across all subjects there is a strong focus on developing background knowledge and etymology, to ensure students have access to a wide variety of vocabulary and general knowledge to develop reading fluency. We also celebrate World Book Day, reading and short story competitions. Together, these efforts foster a rich literacy environment that supports the growth and success of every student.