

Exam results: 2024/25

Key Stage 3 Levels

	Year 7 At or above expected target	Year 8 At or above expected target	Year 9 At or above expected target
Ursuline	86%	82%	83%

Key Stage 4 – GCSE English Language

	9-7	9-5	9-4
Ursuline	41%	78%	91%

Key Stage 4 – GCSE English Literature

	9-7	9-5	9-4
Ursuline	44%	85%	93%

Key Stage 5 – A-Level English Language

	A*-A	A*-B	A*-C
Ursuline	18%	59%	94%

Key Stage 5 – A-Level English Literature

	A*-A	A*-B	A*-C
Ursuline	24%	74%	88%

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ENGLISH

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English is the most important tool you'll ever need, no matter what career you choose.

Benjamin Zephaniah

A good book, studied with a good English teacher, takes you on a journey in search of answers to the crucial questions in life you didn't even know you wanted (or needed) to ask.

Professor L. Jardine, Queen Mary & Westfield, ULU

Our Aims at Ursuline High School

- To set challenging targets with high expectations for all students.
- To offer a variety of approaches to teaching and learning to engage and motivate students and demand their active participation.
- To smooth the transition for students between Key Stages and ensure progression in teaching and learning throughout their time at school.
- To enhance students' enjoyment of English and prepare them for university study (should they choose the subject)

Teaching and Learning

The English curriculum is delivered to all students from Year 7 to Year 8 via three 50-minute lessons per week. Years 9, 10 and 11 have four 50-minute lessons per week.

Students are taught in line with the school marking policy with each pupil working through their particular pathway. Exercise books are used in conjunction with online Teams resources to support consolidation and homework. Students' work is marked regularly, and grades are recorded and monitored by the classroom teacher.

Homework is set once a week and consists of:

- Revision of key terms, spellings and grammar
- Research of key concepts, writers and texts

- Analysing a variety of non-fiction and fiction texts
- Extended pieces of writing (essays, letters, diary entries, speeches, short stories, descriptions)
- Structured questions assessing understanding
- Preparing presentations/role plays
- Reading of class novel/play

Homework set may vary according to ability.

How can I help my daughter if she gets stuck with homework?

- Homework will be based on work done in class and your daughter will have notes in her Class Notebook to assist her.
- Encourage your daughter to make time before the deadline to seek help from her teacher.
- Avoid 'doing the homework' for her, as it will not help her make progress.
- Encourage your daughter to use her green pen to proof-read and compile a word bank of key spellings.
- Read regularly together – each year group is given a recommended reading list each term.

What will Year 7 study in English?

All students will study a class novel, classical literature, poetry, short stories, Shakespeare and read a variety of non-fiction texts. The end of year exam will assess reading and writing and resources can be accessed via the Year 7 Student Team. Extra-curricular activities include a weekly reading club, writer events and competitions with Wimbledon Book Festival and Young Writers.



Our school library offers a variety of fiction and non-fiction books for students