



English Policy

GEMs Metropole

1. Aims

1.1 GEMS Metropole aims to develop students' ability to listen, speak, read and write for a wide range of purposes; including: communicating their ideas, views and feelings. Students are enabled to express themselves creatively and imaginatively as they become enthusiastic and critical readers of stories, poetry and drama, as well as non-fiction and media texts. Students gain an understanding of how language works by looking at its patterns, structures and origins. Students use their knowledge, skills and understanding in speaking and writing across a range of different situations.

1.2 The aims of teaching English are:

- To enable students to speak clearly and audibly, and to take account of their listeners;
- To encourage students to listen with concentration, in order to identify the main points of what they have heard;
- To show students how to adapt their speech to a wide range of circumstance and demands;
- To teach students effective communication, both verbal and non-verbal, to express opinions, articulate feelings and formulate responses to a range of texts both fiction and non-fiction using appropriate technical vocabulary;
- To help them become confident, independent readers, through an appropriate focus on word-, sentence- and text-level knowledge;
- To develop powers of imagination, inventiveness and critical awareness in all areas of English;
- Use grammar and punctuation accurately across all forms of writing;
- Understand spelling conventions accurately across all forms of writing;
- Be able to write in a variety of styles, genres and forms showing awareness of audience and purpose;
- Produce effective, well-presented written work.