

# Learner Journey: Writing



Lifelong Learners

Employability

Independence

Study English at College



## Personal Development Opportunities:

Trips/visits	Communication Skills	Story Writing Contest	School Library	World Book Day
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Entry Level

Functional Skills

GCSE



The Writing Journey at Dawn House School...

**GCSE**  
D13+

Topics: Creative Writing, Persuasive Writing, Grammar and Syntax, Referencing, Critical Thinking, Structures

- Using a wide range of vocabulary accurately and effectively.
- Demonstrating a high level of accuracy in grammar, syntax and spelling.
- Utilizing a full range of punctuation marks correctly.
- Effectively planning and structuring writing tasks.
- Developing strong editing and proofreading skills.
- Writing in various genres, including letters, articles, speeches, reviews and creative texts.
- Incorporating textual references and quotations from literary texts to support analysis and argumentation.
- Understanding needs and perspectives of audiences.

**KS5**  
D13-D16

Topics: Grammar, Punctuation, Writing for Different Purposes, Planning, Character / Setting Development, Creative Writing

- Using varied and complex sentence structures.
- Developing a rich and varied vocabulary.
- Using a wide range of punctuation marks with accuracy and to add emphasis.
- Planning and structuring their writing effectively.
- Developing skills in editing and revising their work.
- Writing clear, well-structured arguments and persuasive texts.
- Using descriptive language and literary techniques.
- Writing in various genres and formats.
- Demonstrating creativity and originality in their writing.
- Critically evaluating their own and others' writing.

**KS4**  
D11-D13

Topics: Grammar, Punctuation, Writing for Different Purposes, Planning, Character / Setting Development, Creative Writing

- Understanding and writing in both formal and informal contexts.
- Using more advanced punctuation accurately.
- Using paragraphs to structure writing effectively.
- Developing persuasive writing techniques.
- Improving skills in editing and revising writing.
- Writing in a variety of genres and for different purposes.
- Legible handwriting and well presented written work.
- Employing a rich and varied vocabulary.
- Developing characters and settings in greater depth.
- Adapting writing style / content to suit different audiences.
- Producing creative and imaginative writing.

**KS3**  
D9-D11

Topics: Grammar, Punctuation, Writing for Different Purposes, Handwriting, Character / Setting Development, Creative Writing

- Writing longer sentences using conjunctions.
- Correctly using capital letters, full stops, question marks, exclamation marks and commas in lists.
- Using adjectives and adverbs to add detail to their writing.
- Starting to use paragraphs to organize ideas.
- Using organizational features such as headings and bullet points.
- Writing in various genres and styles.
- Improving the fluency and legibility of handwriting.
- Structuring writing logically.
- Developing creativity in writing through stories and poetry.

**KS1/2**  
D1-D9

Topics: Letter Formation, Sentence Structure, Descriptive Writing, Creative Writing, Handwriting Practice, Spelling

- Writing simple words and phrases using initial phonics knowledge.
- Writing simple sentences using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces.
- Learning to spell common exception words correctly.
- Beginning to use question marks and exclamation marks in writing.
- Developing correct letter formation, size and spacing.
- Writing stories with a clear beginning, middle and end.
- Writing for various purposes such as stories, letters, instructions and recounts.