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English Mastery

Fully-resourced and
knowledge-rich curriculum,
helping develop students'
ability in English

Student success through empowered teaching



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Teachers hold the key to unlocking students' potential, and we are here to help you on that journey.

Grown out of Ark Schools, one of the highest achieving academy groups in the UK, our team of well researched and highly skilled curriculum designers and expert trainers partner with you and your team to provide consistent, high-quality education for all students.

We help you provide your best teaching to all students, working with you to close the attainment gap. We've seen the impact on disadvantaged students through our Ark Schools (making nearly half a grade more progress than their peers nationally) and are here to give all students the opportunities that an excellent education provides.



Success for all

We believe that education has the power to help every young person excel – and it all starts with you.

By enriching the curriculum to move beyond achieving grades alone, we create a learning structure that constantly builds contextual and conceptual knowledge.

Our holistic approach helps you to identify and support specific needs. As a result, we help to narrow the attainment gap, ensuring no child is left behind.

Teachers make the difference

Our programmes are built for teachers, because you are the people who can make a real difference to a young person's understanding.

Personal development is central to our approach. We build teachers' subject and pedagogical expertise without taking time away from the classroom.

We also ensure that teachers remain in control. You choose the material and topics, but can access pre- and post-teaching assistance to make the most impact with every lesson.

Evidence meets practice

When creating our programmes, we conduct in-depth research into the latest curriculum designs and pedagogical theories. This approach means our support is always grounded in evidence-based principles.

Teachers also help to develop and test our curriculum in the classroom, meaning you can be confident that our programmes are accessible, easy to implement and make a tangible difference to the teacher and student experience.





Curriculum resources and professional development to enhance teaching expertise

Our programme aims to transform Key Stage 3 English education in the UK by improving both the teaching and learning experience through:

- A well-sequenced and interlinked KS3 English curriculum
- A full suite of classroom planning, delivery, assessment and intervention resources
- Integrated training and professional development



Looking specifically to transform language in your curriculum? Writing Mastery is available as a standalone package.

Find out more details on our website.

Research-led driver of student attainment

Our English Mastery Secondary programme has been designed by experienced teachers using in-depth pedagogical research, and we continually adapt the curriculum and resources based on the latest thinking. As an evidence-based programme, we know that it is a powerful and practical driver of student attainment.

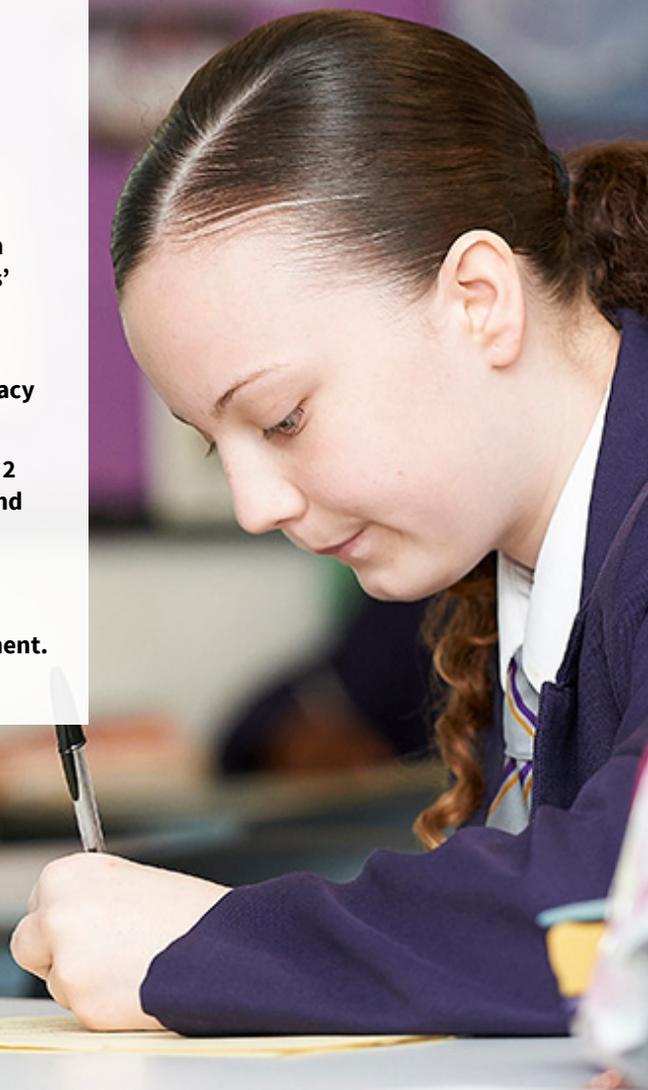
In addition to teacher consultation, four pedagogical pillars combine to drive student progress. Each pillar is rooted in the latest cognitive and educational research.





Four pedagogical pillars

1. A cumulative, knowledge-rich curriculum develops students' ability in English.
2. Discrete grammar teaching improves precision and accuracy in students' writing.
3. Systematic instruction of tier 2 vocabulary closes the word and attainment gap.
4. Using standardised norm-referenced student work improves accuracy in assessment.



A proven way to increase attainment in English

By joining our English Mastery programme, schools make a tangible difference to students' learning experience. The result is a lift in learning outcomes.

Research by The Brilliant Club, an independent education charity group, found that students on the programme made an additional four months' progress compared to peers not on the programme.

“The English Mastery programme had a significant positive effect on pupils' English scores, regardless of pupils' prior attainment and demographic characteristics.”

The Brilliant Club | impact study

Teachers in our partner schools repeatedly tell us what a difference our programme is making:

“The English Mastery programme has enabled our teachers and leaders to put subject knowledge and passion back at the heart of what they do, allowing them to spend more time on teacher craft, differentiation and how best to deliver content to meet each child's needs.”

Alison Enyon | Oasis Community Learning

Visit our website to hear more about the positive impact English Mastery has had in other secondary schools:
www.arkcurriculumplus.org.uk/case-studies



Helping all students on the route to recovery

Every learner will have been affected by Covid-19 differently.

We believe that subject mastery is achievable for all students and so our programme design has always empowered all students to access the same ambitious curriculum.

Success for all has always been at the heart of our curriculum design. In recent times, more children than ever have been disadvantaged by the learning gap resulting from disrupted learning.

To help support the route to recovery, English Mastery programme includes:

→ **Purposeful diagnostic assessment:**

- start of year diagnostic tasks to identify knowledge gaps
- signposting to curriculum guidance based on diagnostic assessment
- end of unit diagnostic quizzes to check progress

→ **Updated transition and booster units:**

- an ‘entrance’ assessment for students coming to school without standardised SATs results



Equality, Diversity & Inclusion

Since English Mastery launched in 2014, we’ve had the privilege of working with thousands of colleagues to bring our mission to life in classrooms across the country. But there is always room for improvement, and over the past year we have been looking specifically at our curriculum through the lens of diversity and inclusion, to make our programme stronger and even more effective.

We are making changes to the English Mastery programme, committed to making inclusion and diversity a seamless aspect of the curriculum. So far we have:

- **adapted our approach to the teaching of Caliban and colonialism in *The Tempest***
- **introduced a new literary heritage unit for Year 7, based around the text *Small Island* by Andrea Levy**

“*The English Mastery programme does so much more than improve pupil outcomes. It is a key way to address the cultural capital deficit that our children experience. The programme prepares pupils for their future.*”

Becky Curtis | Principal, Ark Elvin Academy

Read the full **Equality, diversity & inclusion in English Mastery** report for our next steps.



Our approach

We are committed to our partnership together, knowing the journey to full-school transformation takes dedication and a consistent approach over time.

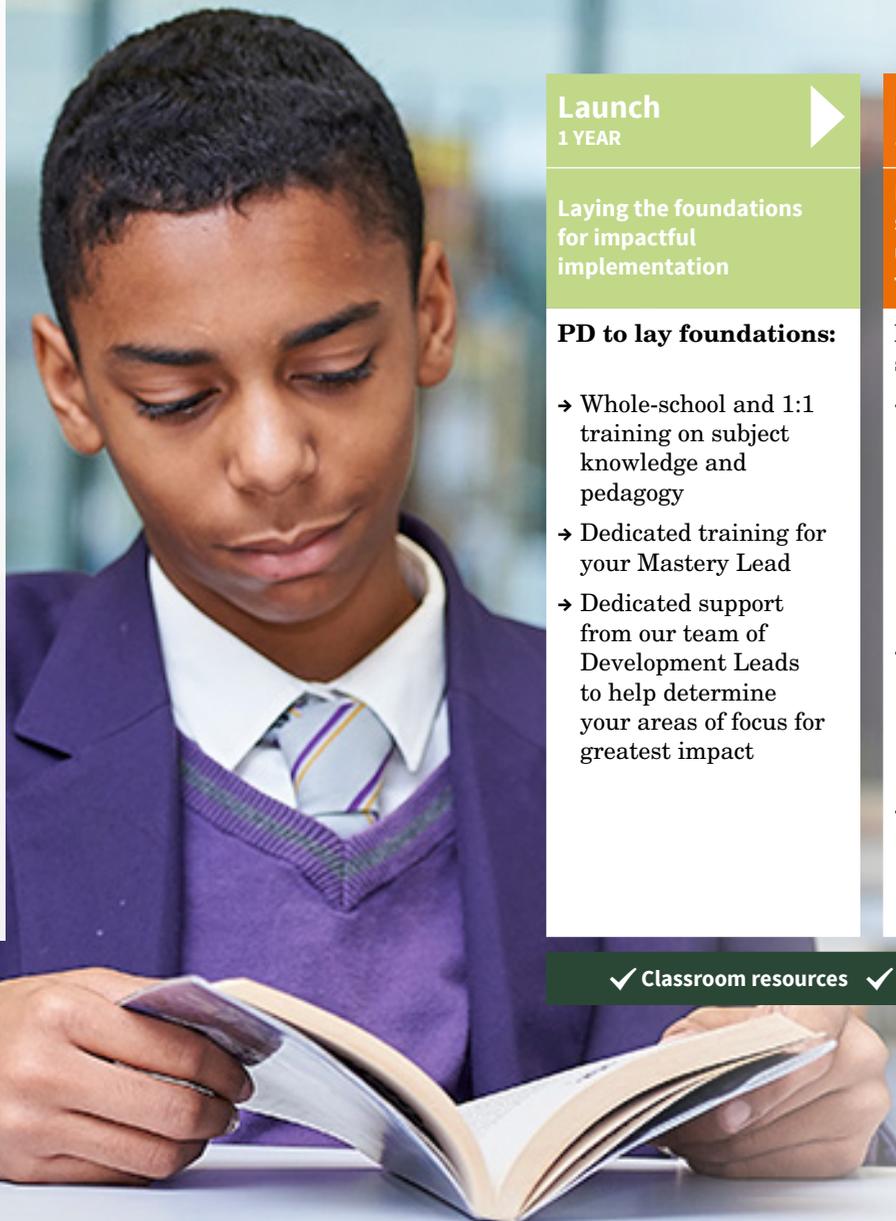
Providing integrated, consistent professional development, helping you improve students outcomes

We work with a goal in mind – to help your teachers deliver their best teaching possible. Our style of support responds to your team’s growing confidence and expertise.

Stage 1: Launch

Stage 2: Develop

Stage 3: Sustain



Launch

1 YEAR

Laying the foundations for impactful implementation

PD to lay foundations:

- Whole-school and 1:1 training on subject knowledge and pedagogy
- Dedicated training for your Mastery Lead
- Dedicated support from our team of Development Leads to help determine your areas of focus for greatest impact

Develop

1-3+ YEARS

Building on your team’s subject and pedagogical understanding to develop their practice

PD to hone classroom skill:

- Teacher training covering planning and adaptation of lessons, diagnosing and responding to learning gaps, providing challenge, assessment, and more
- Further training of Mastery Lead, equipping them to provide in-house training
- Annual 360 review ensuring you’re on track in transforming pupil outcomes

Sustain

ONGOING

Making the programme your own

On-demand PD:

- Regular webinars and embedded training within resources to refine your teachers’ classroom practice
- Annual summative assessment tracks students’ progress and identifies development areas
- Option to add-on personalised support

✓ Classroom resources ✓ Subject knowledge development ✓ Teaching guidance



What do I get when I join the programme?

Mastery Curriculum

Being a confident and articulate English student involves a large number of complicated skills. We are convinced that the best way to create these sorts of learners is by introducing them systematically to the wonders of grammar, vocabulary and reading for pleasure, alongside the traditional literature teaching that we all know and love.

Our curriculum is therefore divided into strands covering Literary Heritage, Writing Mastery and Reading for Pleasure.

A full suite of resources, available online via the MyMastery learning platform

The MyMastery learning platform provides easy 'anytime, anywhere' access to the full suite of English Mastery content, including teaching materials and professional development.



Integrated Professional Development

Throughout the programme, your team can make use of videos, tutorials and workshops to grow their subject and teaching expertise.

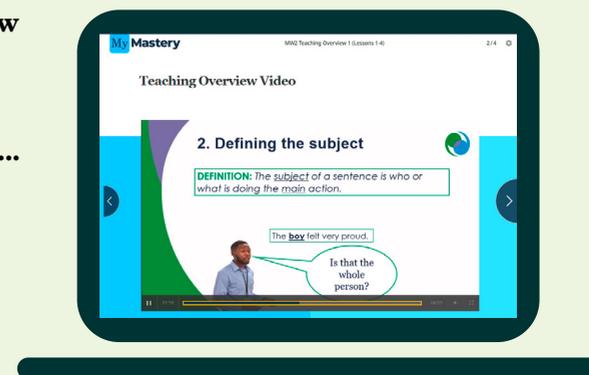
Our partnership packages offer a range of additional support, from one-to-one coaching to developing a subject lead. You choose the level of support that your school needs – with dedicated subject experts to help you.

Teaching support

On-demand **teaching overview videos** provide guidance and thinking points for each lesson.

Go and find a colleague and... offers stimulus questions that are a quick way to develop and share your ideas.

Mastery Knowledge presents a brief summary and recap of what the students will be learning.



Lesson resources

We understand the importance of creative freedom when planning lessons. We also know the needs of teachers and students vary hugely.

Slide decks are provided for each lesson, including notes and guidance to support delivery.

Exercise 1: Underlining the subject
We are going to look at what a **subject** is:
DEFINITION: The **subject** of a sentence or what is **doing the main action**.

The **subject** has been underlined in all of the sentences below.

- Daniel munched his lunch.
- The rude man ate chips from Sasha's plate.
- The pencil was sharp and strong.
- The boy fidgeted in his seat.
- He felt sad and alone.
- The children decided to go to the park on the first day of the school day.

Lesson 1 Writing
With your partner, use the vocabulary box to say what happened in the picture.

Lesson 1 Writing
Use the Mastery Checks to review your work.

Mastery Check 1 I have used every word from the vocabulary box correctly.	Mastery Check 2 I have commented on all the important things that happened in the picture.	Mastery Check 3 I have used capital letters and full stops correctly.
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Fully editable



Literary Heritage resources

The Literary Heritage units are the core of our KS3 curriculum. Classic texts and much-loved stories have been selected to introduce students to some of the best characters and most iconic stories in literature, as well as learning the cultural capital that will enrich their reading of similar books.

Monday, 30 November 2020

You have looked at the word **corrupt**. You can also use **corrupt** to describe an action:

to corrupt someone
To corrupt someone means to get somebody else to stop caring about right and wrong.

Do Now

1. How is Bill trying to **corrupt** Oliver?
2. Has **anyone else** in the novel tried to corrupt Oliver?
3. Has anyone succeeded in **corrupting** Oliver?

Extension: Has anyone else in the novel been corrupted by others?



Writing Mastery resources

The Writing Mastery units take a 'stage not age' approach. Units are designed to help students gain a genuine command of the English language through instruction that is appropriate for their current level of understanding.



Reading for Pleasure resources

This strand is designed to give pupils the opportunity to spend extended periods of time reading, and to learn to enjoy reading great books. Each lesson follows a four-part structure:

Vocabulary

Today we are learning the word **'route'**.



The **route** was long and straight.

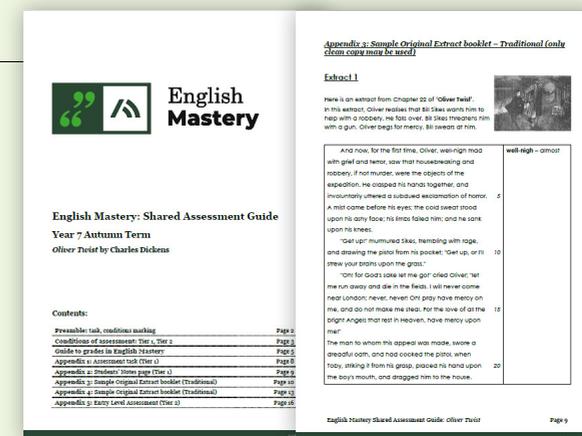
Do Now ► Reading time ► Vocabulary ► Exit Ticket (to reflect on learning)

Assessment and intervention

We provide a fully planned and integrated summative and formative assessment model that complements and advances the skills students develop during their English Mastery lessons.

Standardised assessment

These are provided for each Literary Heritage unit, as well as a wide-ranging assessment guide and standardisation booklet.



Quizzes and practice tasks

There are opportunities for formative assessment in each lesson, with practice tasks such as True & False and Quotation Hunters to check for misconceptions. Fortnightly multiple choice quizzes also allow you to identify where gaps lie, with reteach tasks provided.

Do Now Monday, 23 November 2020

Tick and fix your quiz answers.

Grammar

1. b	6. c & e
2. c	7. a
3. e	8. b
4. d	9. a, c & e
5. d & e	10. c & e

Pathways

We offer two pathways through our Literary Heritage units: Traditional and Foundation.

The Traditional pathway is for students who are at or above age-related expectations whilst the Foundation pathway supports students currently working below age-related expectations.

Customise the level of support for your school

Our friendly partnerships team will be happy to talk you through the programme and help you decide on the right approach and package for your school.

To book a demo, or sign up for a free trial, contact us on:

E: partnerships@arkcurriculumplus.org.uk

T: 020 3116 6363

Or book a call online at

www.arkcurriculumplus.org.uk/book-a-demo

Pricing

We are a non-profit organisation. The schools that we work with are charged a financial contribution which goes towards delivering and developing the programmes. You can find pricing information on our website – but do get in touch to receive a quote for your specific setting.

<https://www.arkcurriculumplus.org.uk/join-us>

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