



READING AT MEPA ACADEMY

At MEPA Academy, we understand that literacy sits at the heart of the curriculum because all subjects are taught in English: pupils need the foundational knowledge of reading, writing, speaking and listening in order to access the breadth and depth of the curriculum.

All teachers have a key responsibility to teach literacy, no matter their subject specialism. We recognise that regular reading helps pupils to develop greater fluency, vocabulary and background knowledge, which supports their development across the curriculum.

What will you see at MEPA Academy?

- A well-stocked library that students are able to choose reading books from.
- A range of writing competitions with the Independent Schools Association promoted throughout the academic year (<https://www.isaschools.org.uk/arts/creative-writing.html>)
- What is my teacher reading? Posters that celebrate the reading habits of staff across the academy
- DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) in form time for years 7-11 for twenty minutes every week – all pupils are expected to have a book with them.
- A weekly WOW (word of the week) linked to our themes and assemblies
- Twice yearly reading age testing, with reading ages reported to parents and given to staff to consider within their own planning and preparation of lessons.