



Study Skills

SENCo

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Outline of Subject

Study Skills and Nurture Group courses are offered to a small number of students who have been identified through existing assessment processes. We very deliberately keep numbers low in these classes to support some students to close the gap with their peers. This option replaces a foreign language. The focus of Study Skills is to improve core skills in reading, writing, spelling and speaking and to support the development of good learning behaviours. Nurture Group is to address, broadly, life skills.

Learning Content Topic Title

Year	Term 1		Term 2		Term 3	
7	Nurture Group Study Skills (Spelling and core skills, plus reading if required)	Nurture Group Study Skills (Spelling and core skills, plus reading if required)	Nurture Group Study Skills (Spelling and core skills, plus reading if required)	Nurture Group Study Skills (Spelling and core skills)	Nurture Group Study Skills (Spelling and core skills)	Nurture Group Study Skills (Spelling and core skills)
8	Study Skills (Tales of the Unexpected)	Study Skills (Homophones)	Study Skills (Magazine Project)	Study Skills (Titanic)	Study Skills (Memory Tasks)	Study Skills (Company of Ghosts)
9	Study Skills (It all makes sense)	Study Skills (Firestarter)	Study Skills (Riots)	Study Skills (Conflict)	Study Skills (Don't forget to remember)	Study Skills (British Culture)

Skill Development

Study Skills Lessons – Pathways to Success! These lessons are delivered in small groups and at a pace appropriate to the work. We want to help students develop **confidence** and **resilience**. We aim that they:

- Experience a wide range of reading and writing opportunities
- Develop their accuracy in spelling and grammar
- Improve their planning and structuring of written responses
- Widen their understanding of a range of vocabulary for writing and speaking
- Are able to compare different texts and explain preferences
- Improve their ability to identify and explain writers' key methods and ideas
- Develop their confidence in speaking individually and in groups
- Work on their interpersonal and social skills

Assessment Styles

When students begin lessons, we will establish their entry levels. From this point, they will follow the **Study Skills Pathways**. There are nine paths all together and each one is divided up into small steps for them to reach over time. The **Study Skills Portfolio** will contain work produced that shows their progression. Study Skills classes are led by LSAs in year 7, and either teachers or the Learning Support Coordinator in years 8 and 9.

Additional Information

Nurture group is very small and lead by the Learning Support Coordinator. Various aspects of skills for living are addressed such as telling the time, shopping, using money, health, hygiene etc. Learning is linked to curriculum content. The lessons are tailored to support the needs of the students in the group and social interaction skills are also reinforced in the deliberately small, friendly setting.