

Upper Wharfedale School: Development Plan (January 2023)

Our over-arching goal is to “remain an inclusive, over-subscribed outstanding school where students develop holistically, make excellent progress and have high ambitions for their future.”

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| Key development area: Literacy and Communication | Ofsted Framework link(s): Q of E/L and M |
| Link Governor(s): TBC | |

| Objective | Planned actions | Resourcing | Responsible | Timescale | Impact evidence | Monitoring/RAG |
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| To be in the top 20% schools nationally for progress in English Language | Ongoing assessment In-class monitoring and intervention Tracking analysis Intervention programme Catch up tuition | Meeting time Networking time AQA/similar CPD Moderation time Intervention programme (PP) Catch up funding | TC (JM) CR | August 2023 | Interim data collection Mock and ongoing assessment results Performance data Summer 2023 | TC and JM (CR) via data collection points, department QA and tracking |
| For PP (disadvantaged) students to make at least the same progress in English Language and Literature as their non-PP UWS peers | See above PP programme PP Learning Profiles Close monitoring at data collection points | Meeting time Intervention programme Catch-up tuition | TC (JM) CR | August 2023 | Interim data collection Mock and ongoing assessment results Performance data Summer 2023 | TC and JM (CR) via data collection points, department QA and tracking |
| Review all current Literacy interventions to ensure clarity, efficiency and impact | Literacy Strategy Team (LST) Summary document for website/staff Clarity of identification, intervention and measuring of impact | Time for staff to lead Meeting time Catch-up tuition PP funding LSA time Literacy Co-ordinator time and resources | JM/TC (CR) CR CR JLS TC/LT | February 2023 | Summary document in place for staff and on website Interventions ongoing and impact measures identified Progress reviewed and next steps planned | CR TC/LT/JLS TC/LT/JLS |
| Effective and timely, targeted intervention for those who arrive at UWS “not secondary ready” (Literacy) | Targeted and specialist intervention (see above) from LT/LSA team/TC/other | Time for staff to lead Meeting time Catch-up tuition PP funding LSA time Literacy Co-ordinator time and resources | TC/LT/JLS | Ongoing, reviewed termly until July 2023 | Interventions ongoing and impact measures identified Progress reviewed and next steps planned | Literacy Strategy Team JM/CR |

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| Formation of the Research Learning Group: Literacy and Communication | Staff elect to join group CPD meeting time for discussions Outcomes feed into Strategy team and departments Facilitate INSET: others | Time to source, share and read articles Meeting time Feedback time at whole-staff and dept meetings | CR JM/TC | Ongoing throughout academic year 22/23; review model Summer 2023 | Impact on department practice: feedback Inclusion in whole staff CPD and follow-up QA Raising awareness and staff discussion: L&C | Literacy Strategy Team JM/CR |
| To review the current presentation expectations and Literacy Marking Key | Review current expectations Assess whether that is now required Communicate updates to staff and students Monitor implementation | Time for LST to meet INSET time to share Time for QA Time for feedback to staff | Literacy Strategy Team | End of February 2023 | Impact on department practice: feedback Inclusion in whole staff CPD and follow-up QA Student voice Positive impact on SPaG marks in GCSE subjects | Literacy Strategy Team JM/CR |
| Reading/challenging texts "read widely and often" | Teachers and form tutors reading to students Exposing students to wide range of texts Promotion around school: photos of staff and students reading Refresh staff signs, "I am currently reading" Readathon at Christmas of "A Christmas Carol" Promote Reading Challenges further with all students Library lessons in English | Reading time in lessons and form time Time in lessons and form time Time to produce Reprographics Time to produce Reprographics Logistics and social media Time in English lessons Time in English lessons Time to produce lists, share on website and by letter | Form tutors Teaching staff Form tutors Teaching staff Literacy Strategy Team Admin team LT/TC Admin team CR/TC English staff team LT/English staff team Teaching and LSA staff Faculty leads/HoS IT support | March 2023 and ongoing thereafter See above End of February 2023 End of February 2023 December 2022 Ongoing from January 2023 Ongoing from February 2023 (planned) March 2023 | Student voice Reading survey outcomes Staff voice Learning walks: form time Calendar of events Reading challenge completion Parent voice Social media engagement Images and posters around school: high profile | Literacy Strategy Team JM/CR |

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| | <p>Encouraging students to challenge themselves with reading choices; share suggested challenging text lists with parents/carers</p> <p>Plans for World Book Day 2023</p> <p>Explore reading competitions and events (e.g Carnegie and Book Buzz)</p> <p>Host a Book Fair (e.g. Scholastic) in school to coincide with a KS3 Parents Evening</p> <p>Explore author visits and other extra-curricular opportunities (such as Carnegie, theatre visits, Bradford Literary Festival, Literacy DLD)</p> <p>Develop rewards further for those who engage with reading</p> <p>Images of staff and students reading around school, maybe reading in unlikely places/less expected subjects and students [e.g. Y10 boys]</p> | <p>Meeting time for LST</p> <p>Time for LT and TC to meet</p> <p>Time for LT to explore Logistics support from site team Communications with students/parents</p> <p>Meeting time for LST Time for LT/TC to explore options</p> <p>Time for LT to plan Communications Rewards: PP budget</p> <p>Time to produce Reprographics</p> | <p>Literacy Strategy Team All staff: implement</p> <p>LT/TC</p> <p>LT/Site team</p> <p>LT/TC (oversight)</p> <p>LT (CR)</p> <p>Literacy Strategy Team</p> | <p>Planned by end of February 2023</p> <p>End of February 2023</p> <p>Explored and planned by end of Feb 2023</p> <p>Explored and planned by March 2023</p> <p>Planned by end of February 2023</p> <p>End of February 2023</p> | | |
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| Further development of Oracy | UWS student debating club and then team for competitions | Staff time: coordination (NK/JM?) | Literacy Strategy Team | April 2023 | Participation in events and competition(s) | JM/TC |
| | Encourage staff to develop oracy through re-introduction of more group work and structured task talk (offer CPD) | INSET time and time for leads to plan and resource | See above | March 2023 | Learning walks evidence use of oracy strategies in lessons Staff and student voice | Literacy Strategy Team |
| Developing “disciplinary literacy” | Subject-specific extended writing (e.g with structures and scaffolds), guiding students to “write like a [subject expert]” | Time to plan CPD Resource-gathering INSET time to share Lesson time for implementation Time to monitor/QA | Literacy Strategy Team | In place by end of March 2023 | QA shows evidence of these in use in subject areas Students and staff confident in their use Impact on assessment grades for extended writing in key subject areas | Faculty Leads/HoS |
| | Common reference points for extended writing across subjects for students (e.g. how to plan/structure; key principles for extended writing; teachers modelling this in lessons, with visualiser or on board) | Time to plan CPD Resource-gathering INSET time to share Dept time to plan implementation Lesson time for implementation Time to monitor/QA | See above | In place by end of April 2023 | | |
| | Exposing students to more challenging subject texts (through teacher modelled reading, for example) | Lesson time Homework time Teacher planning time | Teaching staff | Ongoing from January Twilight INSET session | Student voice Staff voice QA evidences this in lessons | Literacy Strategy Team |

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| Developing students' understanding and use of Tier 2/3 vocabulary | Form time "academic vocabulary" activity (weekly) | Development of resource: time INSET time to share Form time to implement | Literacy Strategy Team Form tutors | Ongoing from January Twilight INSET session | Student voice Staff voice QA evidences this in lessons | Literacy Strategy Team |
| | Word of the Week (same word as above, encouraged to use across school and rewarded when students use in writing) | Development of resource: time INSET time to share Time: sharing with students Form/lesson time | Literacy Strategy Team Teaching and LSA staff | Ongoing from January Twilight INSET session | Students using vocabulary across the curriculum | |
| | Subject areas sharing vocabulary lists with students Teachers making vocabulary explicit and exploring etymology/subject cross-curricular usage etc | Development of lists: meeting time Lesson time | Faculty leads/HoS Teaching staff | By March 2023 | See above Impact seen in subject specific responses and literacy activities Performance data | |