

## English

Teachers in the English Department are really looking forward to welcoming you all to Ardrossan Academy.

In S1 English, you will continue to build on what you achieved in P7, on the essential communication and literacy skills of Reading, Writing Listening and Talking. You will learn about different writing styles and produce your own creative and informative writing while continuing to improve your spelling, punctuation and grammar.

In English, we love to read for pleasure so you will make regular visits to our school library to choose from a variety of genres such as fiction, comics, manga, non-fiction and graphic novels to read in class and at home. We will also read in class to improve our ability to demonstrate our understanding of a writer's ideas and to explain how they have used language to persuade us to their point of view or to appeal to our imagination.

In English, we will keep improving our listening and talking skills every day: you will work with each other, a lot of the time, to share your opinions and ideas and to support each other's learning.



## Drama

We are all looking forward to welcoming you to the Drama Department. In Drama, we enjoy being creative and using our imagination to create performances in response to a word, picture, poem or play. In S1 Drama, you will take part in group discussions to develop your listening and talking skills and your ability to solve problems. You will learn how to use movement and voice skills to communicate effectively with an audience and then demonstrate these skills in performance. You will also learn about Theatre Arts: of the importance of lighting, sound, set, costume and make-up and how they are used to create a successful performance. At the end of every unit you will be asked to evaluate your own performance and the performance of others and set targets for future learning.