

English Department

Slogan

Go, Grow and Glow with English!

Vision

The English Department embraces the Three Es:

Enrich, Evolve and Excel.



Activities such as *Authentic Learning Experience*, *Drop Everything and Read (DEAR) Programme*, *A Stage for You and Me* are organized to create ample opportunities for all Stmgssians to express themselves creatively.

Through the various activities organized in-house as well as participating in external competitions, the English Department aims to nurture Stmgssians to become avid readers, eloquent communicators and critical thinkers who are able to apply the language and excel with confidence and finesse.

Mission

In STMGSS, we believe in a holistic approach in the teaching and learning of English. We aim to equip Stmgssians to be able to

- listen, read and view critically and accurately, understanding and appreciating a wide range of texts from different sources.
- speak fluently and write precisely and coherently, adapting their language and style in and for a range of purposes, audiences, contexts and cultures.
- acquire rich vocabulary, an understanding of grammar and knowledge of linguistic conventions for reading, writing and spoken language.

Signature Programmes

Authentic Learning Experience (ALE)

To complement the explicit teaching of language skills, we also design authentic learning experiences to immerse students in a rich language environment.

S1: Food

S2: Green living

S3: Food



Intensive and Extensive Reading

The English Department believes strongly in cultivating a strong reading habit among the students. We offer ample chances for students to read intensively and extensively under a conducive learning environment.

Drop Everything and Read

The Drop Everything and Read (DEAR) programme is a school-wide programme aimed at developing students the habit of reading extensively and often, for both pleasure and information. Our students get the opportunity to read four times a week through the school's afternoon reading programme.

Read and Act

Teaching language through drama gives a context for listening and meaningful language production. It provides situation for reading and writing.

All junior form Stmgssians are exposed to the Read and Act Programme. Through activities such as Hot Seating, Thinking Hats and Reader's Theatre, this programme aims at making students become more confident presenters and curious thinkers.

Selected readers for the 2020-21 academic year:

S1:	'Peter Pan' and 'Alice in Wonderland'
S2:	'The Wonderful Wizard of Oz' and 'Around the world in 80 Days'
S3:	'Marvel's Avengers: Age of Ultron' and 'The Magic Finger'

Apart from accessing to reading materials in the school library and readers, our school has subscribed to external e-learning platforms which enable students to read widely. Teachers follow up with reading activities that involve Stmgssians in responding to topics through reading logs, group presentations or e-learning tools such as Padlet and Schoology. It is believed that reading will open students' doors to a world of knowledge.

Language Arts (Junior forms)

The objective of the Junior Forms Language Arts programme is to ensure Stmgssians develop all the necessary skills for communication by interacting with rich texts. We have infused the reading of short stories, poetry and drama into the English Curriculum, ensuring the students are sensitive not only to the semantics but also to the syntax of texts.

From dialogues to speeches

The department's spirally progressive speaking skills program aims to empower Stmgssians to communicate effectively to different audiences.

The Junior forms students will get ample opportunities to express themselves through language and motion through their participation in Reader's Theatre, Radio Drama and Mini-drama.

Senior forms students will be introduced to debating and public speaking to develop as persuasive speakers where they also hone their communication skills such as pronunciation and fluency.

Speaking programs for the 2020-21 academic year:

Secondary 1: Radio Drama

Secondary 2: Reader's Theatre

Secondary 3: Advertisement

Secondary 4: Public Speaking

Secondary 5: Workplace Communication



English Enrichment Environment

Teachers and students immerse themselves in a range of language-related activities, including games like Spelling Bees, drama performance, speeches, character parades to showcase students' proficiency in the language.

Each level participates in a myriad of thrilling and engaging activities (both during curriculum time and after school) to celebrate the English Language and its culture.

Our English Ambassadors are delighted to promote the use of English Language especially during the English Speaking Day, lunchtime Song Dedication Session and interviews with teachers and schoolmates.

Competitions

We strongly believe that all Stmgssians need to be exposed to good use of the language through their participation in internal as well as external competitions. Hence, our students get to participate in competitions such as the Inter-government Schools Debating Competitions and Hong Kong Schools Speech Festivals.