

Great Oracy Exhibition 2025

Oracy Excellence in a Secondary Setting

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Context:

- Family of 7 schools (3 secondary, 1 all through, 4 Primary)
- 4763 students - East Birmingham Inner City
- 58% EAL,
- 62 % FSM
- Attendance = 93%
- 3 Oracy Centres of Excellence
- All schools have improved from RI to Good/Outstanding, 5 Ofsteds in the last year
- Varied employment for adults, high number of migrant communities.

Meridian High School

School context:

- 547 students
- 49% SEND - 11% EHCPs
- 68% Pupil Premium
- Average reading age across the school = 12 years 4 months
- Attendance = 94.6% (above National average especially for SEND and PP)
- Over half of adults in the local area are in part-time work or not in work.

Curriculum

How has oracy become an embedded part of every students' daily education?

Implementation

Monitoring

Barriers

Inclusion

What does excellent oracy practice look like when it comes to ensuring every student is included, heard and valued?

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Assessment

What does meaningful assessment of (or though) oracy look like in practice - and what should we avoid?

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**What difference has a
high-quality oracy education
made to your students?**

What next?