



English Department Information

Staffing

- Eight full time and one part time English teachers
- Two English Instructor and two subject specific Learning Support Assistant.

Responsibilities within the English Department

- The Head of the English faculty is assisted by a Key Stage 3 Co-ordinator and two Lead Practitioners, and is responsible for the vision and ethos of the area, curriculum and examination policy, liaison with senior leaders, staff issues (including staff development), finance and discipline of students.
- The Key Stage Co-ordinator is responsible for monitoring standards of teaching and learning, the organisation of schemes of work, setting of students, liaison with Learning Managers and advising the Head of English on resourcing and curriculum development.
- The Lead Practitioners are responsible for developing strategies for teaching and learning and supporting the development of all English staff.

Curricular Policy

a) Key Stage 3 (Years 7-9)

- Students spend three lessons per week studying English in Years 7 & 8, with the addition of one hour Literacy lesson per week.
- Students spend four lessons per week studying English in Year 9, one of which is used for Literacy.

b) Key Stage 4 (Years 10 - 11)

- Students spend five lessons per week in Years 10 & 11 studying English and Literature.

c) Key Stage 5 (Years 12 and 13)

- Timetable provision is four lessons per week in Year 12 and 13.

Setting

- In Years 7 to 11 all classes are set within two half Year blocks.

Courses

At GCSE the department prepares students for 2 different courses: AQA English Language and Literature. At AS and A2 Levels the department offer courses in English Literature set by AQA.

Examination

The Department has a record of examination success at all levels and has sent many students on to higher education.

Departmental Accommodation

- A suite of nine specialist classrooms plus a smaller room used for intervention.
- All classrooms have interactive whiteboards and speakers.
- All full-time staff have their own teaching room.
- All staff have access to numerous ICT suites with thirty computers in each.

Visits/Events

- The department organises a number of events including visits from Theatre companies, poets and writers.
- Use is also made of outside agencies to work with students for intensive revision.