

# The English Department

We are a large team of committed and enthusiastic teachers who strive to provide stimulating, creative, challenging and inspirational learning to all students, within all classrooms, across all levels of the curriculum in English. The Subject Leader is supported by a second in department and KS3 co-ordinator. We teach in dedicated English classrooms which all feature interactive whiteboards, enabling the teaching and learning environment to be as interactive as possible. The department has a dedicated office, and we have regular meetings to share good practice and ensure a cohesive teaching and learning experience for all students. We also make full and regular use of the school library to assist the drive to raise literacy standards.

We have developed a rigorous and sequenced curriculum across key Stages 3 and 4 which builds essential knowledge as well as a repertoire of reading, writing and speaking and listening skills. Students study a range of classic and modern novels, poetry, plays and a variety of non-fiction pieces. In Key Stage 5, we also offer AQA English Literature at A level, attracting students who enjoy the stimulating and challenging learning experience in our dedicated Post 16 building.

We are experienced in training and coaching new teachers including NQTs and SCITT trainees. We offer rigorous mentoring and provide every support to ensure new and developing teachers can achieve their potential. We value all members of the department highly, and ensure the latest training is available to new and established teachers. We are a very unified and motivated department and those teachers with a strong sense of professionalism and dedication are welcome as new members of the team.