The Sacred Heart Language College
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THE ENGLISH AND DRAMA DEPARTMENT

The English and Drama Department at The Sacred Heart Language College is extremely successful, and has maintained its history of outstanding achievement while transitioning into the new GCSE Curriculum. Our examination results in both Language and Literature far exceed the National Average, particularly at the upper range of attainment. Students of English at The Sacred Heart not only aspire to pass, but aspire to attain to their full potential. Our Department has the experience, enthusiasm and the expertise to support this.

Aims of the Department:

- To apply a progressive model of teaching and learning which emphasises independence and deep thinking.
- To develop students as independent readers, from KS3 onwards, and to continually challenge students to explore different writing styles and genres.
- To enhance skills like critical thinking and reflective practice in order to prepare students for further education and life experiences.
- To prioritise creativity and personal learning in students' response to texts and interaction with each-other.

Organisation:

- A purpose built Drama studio
- Five well-resourced teaching rooms, all of which are equipped with interactive whiteboards and with easy access to all facilities, including computer labs and a well-equipped study centre/library.
- A very experienced Department who are extremely supportive and regularly work in co-operation when planning and creating resources.
- A large bank of resources and planning, with scope and flexibility for teachers to make their units and teaching very much their own.

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
GCSE English Language A* to C	**88%**	**91%**	**90%**	**91%**	**91%**
GCSE English Literature A* to C	**90%**	**94%**	**95%**	**91%**	**93%**
Drama	**92%**	**100%**	**89%**	**93%**	**78%**