# SHELDON SCHOOL

## ENGLISH FACULTY

The English Faculty consists of fourteen specialist English teachers. Within this team there are areas of particular responsibility for the curriculum, under the overall management of the Head of Faculty.

With an excellent level of achievement in all national examinations, we believe that high expectations of our pupils are vital. Our teaching is intellectually rigorous, whilst encouraging individual creativity and response in all pupils. After their years with us, we expect pupils to gain the highest grades of which they are capable and to have developed an appreciation, preferably a love, of literature and the use of language.

At Key Stage 3 we have developed extensive and supportive schemes of learning that allow teachers to use their professional judgement and imagination in the delivery of objectives. Teachers are actively encouraged to teach creatively and share resources freely.

We set classes from Year 8 onwards, actively reviewing sets when necessary. Setting is again reviewed before GCSE courses begin. Pupils in need of learning support gain this either within the classroom or by withdrawal. We are responsible for teaching Library Skills in Year 7.

At GCSE level we follow the AQA English Language and English Literature courses. For A-Level we follow EDEXCEL for English Literature, AQA for English Language and the OCR course for Media Studies. In addition, we teach GCSE Film Studies and Media Studies to selected pupils as option subjects. Our A-Level options are very popular with students.

Our accommodation includes eleven classrooms, a faculty office, a workroom and ICT facilities. All English classrooms have data-projectors that are linked to the school computer network. We also have a class set of ipads for pupils' use in lessons.

As a faculty we provide pupils with a range of popular extra-curricular opportunities. Theatres in Bath, Bristol, London and Stratford are amongst those within easy reach; we regularly enter teams in public-speaking and creative writing competitions, and we also take part in BBC School Report.

We are a very happy team of teachers, willing to share, collaborate and support one another. Our strong team ethic enables us to be creative and enthusiastic about what we do in the classroom.

We look forward to receiving your application.

Elaine Beange
Head of English Faculty

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