

**Green Spring Academy Shoreditch English Department**

The English Faculty is a dynamic team of ten teachers who are committed to providing an engaging, varied and enriching curriculum that inspires a passion for the written and spoken word. We believe reading dramatically increases life chances.

All Key Stage 3 students (Year 7 and 8) have five hours of curriculum time including a dedicated lesson to literacy and reading. At Key Stage 4, students work towards the AQA GCSEs in English Language and English Literature. All students in Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 study a range of texts including poetry, plays and novels from pre- and post-1914. We encourage the development of oracy through debate, spoken presentations and group discussions. In the sixth form, we offer the AQA A level in English Literature. Our A level group is one of largest in the Academy and is growing year on year.

English has been the highest-performing GCSE subject at the academy for a number of years, with Progress 8 in the top 10% of schools nationally. We are determined to sustain these outstanding outcomes.

The English Faculty is led by a Director of Learning, supported by a Deputy Director of Learning and two Key Stage Coordinators. If you are successful in this application, you may be invited to lead Key Stage 3 or Key Stage 5, depending on your skill set and interests.

Faculty members work together to develop effective and creative approaches to learning and teaching. We promote consistently high expectations of, and challenge for, all students and believe there is no limit to what our students can achieve with excellent teaching. The team’s collaboration is evident in the annual Poetry Week, World Book Week and the Shakespeare Day in the Summer of Learning Festival. We also offer a range of extra-curricular activities including debating, film club and reading groups.

As a new teacher at GSAS, you will be supported by collaborative work within the faculty, an individual mentor and an extensive academy-wide professional learning programme. You will also benefit from shared leadership work with your Director of Learning and other faculty post-holders.

This is an exciting time to be joining Green Spring Academy Shoreditch as it prepares to join Mulberry Schools Trust. Opportunities for collaboration across the Trust will enable best practice to be readily shared and professional development accelerated. Our new Principal, Ruth Holden joins the academy in September 2018.

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