**English department details**

An exciting opportunity has arisen for a well qualified and enthusiastic teacher to join an outstanding department. We are an incredibly hardworking and supportive team, with a successful track record at both KS4 and KS5.

In KS3, pupils have six lessons of English during the Academy’s two week timetable. One of these lessons will involve the class visiting the Academy library, to encourage reading and a full participation in support of the Accelerated Reading scheme. Pupils also have a lesson of drama to enhance the KS3 schemes of work, delivered within a specialist learning environment. The setting arrangements support the policy of the Academy and the pupils are organised into halves across each year group, then into academic sets.

In KS4, pupils are taught in ability sets and have eight lessons of English during the fortnight. All pupils study English Language and English Literature GCSE following the Edexcel specification. At post 16, the department currently offers AQA English Language GCE, OCR English Literature GCE, WJEC Film Studies GCE and BTEC Media Studies.

The department has been refurbished and each room includes a Smartboard, DVD facilities and a visualizer. In addition to a wide range of teaching materials, we have access to collections of chromebooks. When it comes to teaching and learning materials, we regularly review and update our schemes of work, which are available at all Key Stages. Teamwork is the key to our success and we have an emphasis on sharing good practice.

Furthermore, the English department has a very strong reputation within the school and the team encompasses a wide range of experience. We currently have six post holders within the team and following the promotion of our existing Assistant Director of Learning, we are looking for someone to enhance our departmental management team.

Additionally, we have two HLTAs for English, a Learning Mentor for English and the department also works closely with the academy’s librarian. Combined with two SLAs, our intervention team are able to fully support the progress of our students. The department makes a contribution to Gifted and Talented sessions within the school and several intervention strategies in both KS3 and KS4. Members of the department also support the pastoral team within the academy and Teaching and Learning initiatives.

The successful applicant will find a fully supportive and hardworking department on joining the staff of the school.This opportunity is an exciting one for applicants that wish to teach in a large, well-resourced department, who feel they can contribute to an already successful team.