

# **English Faculty Area**

The English Faculty consists of twenty members of staff: we all have different specialisms including Literature, Language and Media. Teaching is carried out in a number of rooms within the Academy and there are teaching rooms on both campuses officially designated as English rooms where stock is stored and where the work of students is displayed for all to see. Emphasis is placed upon a lively and imaginative display of students' work providing them with a stimulating environment in which to learn.

Literature and reading arecentral to the teaching of English at de Ferrers, though of course, much emphasis is placed on writing too: students are encouraged to write for a variety of audiences and purposes. Wherever possible, members of the team are encouraged to teach the full spectrum of age and ability. Recent Ofsted reports commented on the “lively teaching which predominates within the Area” and noted that the atmosphere in lessons is “busy and productive”. Ofsted also found that “Pupils make rapid progress from their starting points in all years and across almost all subjects, including English” and “In 2016, students made significantly better than average progress in English language.”

The English Faculty is well resourced with a large book stock as well as a range of audio-visual equipment. Students are given ready access to computers and KS4 and KS5 students have the use of their own iPads.

For the external examinations, the AQA GCSE is followed in both English Language and English Literature. At A Level, EdExcel English Literature and EdExcel English Language are taught. The Media course is delivered at both KS4 and KS5 by English practitioners. Examination performance has been consistently very good, reflecting the strength of an experienced team which nurtures new entrants to the profession.

The English Faculty believes in providing students with a rich diet of extracurricular activities: there are frequent theatre visits and other external trips through the Academy available for students across all Key Stages. The team has also involved students in local competitions such as Spelling Bees and has initiated a KS3 Film Club. There are regular Book Fairs and workshops with external speakers. We provide a fully enriched curriculum.

The members of the English Faculty have a high level of commitment and work very closely and successfully as a team ensuring that all students are supported to achieve their potential.

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