Abbeyfield School

Welcome to the English Department

We are a high performing English team who are passionate about motivating students to achieve their full potential within our subject area and beyond. We build our successes on our positive relationships with students, our rigorous curriculum across all key stages and outstanding teaching. We work closely as a team and thrive from sharing best practice and supporting one another. Our successes have been recognised by both internal and external inspections. This was addressed within our most recent OFSTED inspection (March 2017) where it was noted that 'Students are performing significantly above average in English'. We have consistently achieved successful results, ranking amongst the highest in the county. In 2017, we gained 83% 4+ 67% 5+.

Department Team

Mrs Elizabeth Hawker	Acting Second in English
Mr Peter Wharmby	Teacher of English and Key Stage four Lead
Mrs Samantha Lloyd	Teacher of English and Literacy coordinator
Mrs Hannah Tubbs	Teacher of English and Key Stage Three Lead
Mr Jamie Russell	Teacher of English
Ms Helen Lawrence	SENCO/Teacher of English

Accommodation and Facilities

All teaching staff are provided with a desktop computer in their classroom. It is accommodated in a suite of 7 rooms with projectors. Classrooms are equipped with Interactive Whiteboards. Students have access to a superb Library encompassing various media, newspapers and magazines. ICT facilities include 5 ICT suites.

What happens in the English Department?

- Creative, fully differentiated lessons with strong assessment
- Highly praised by Ofsted in 2012 and 2017.
- Mixed sets in Year 7 / set groups for the rest of Key Stage 3 / set groups at Key Stage 4
- Fully resourced Key Stage 3, 4 and 5 units on a wide variety of challenging texts and topics
- A new, in-house assessment structure for KS3 to replace National Curriculum levels
- GCSE students studying for 1-9 AQA English Language and English Literature
- A vibrant Key Stage 5 offering A level English Literature and English Language
- Key Stage 3 benefit from the Accelerated Reader programme
- Public Speaking – teams from Abbeyfield have represented the South West at the Rotary Club's Youth Speaks National Final
- Celebrating national events such as National Poetry Day, World Book Day with special events – these have included visiting authors, competitions and assemblies
- A variety of trips across all key stages, including the theatre, creative writing workshops and Harry Potter World.
- GCSE revision sessions.
- Extra curricular activities include creative writing, Readathon, clubs relating to a specific writer and Spelling Bee competition.

Come and visit us……

For an informal chat or to see the department at work, please contact Elizabeth Hawker on (01249) 464508 or email exh@abbeyfield.wilts.sch.uk