

The English Faculty

Marple Hall has a team of eight full-time and four part-time English staff with 12 permanent teaching bases. We are a hard-working, innovative and successful department in which a collaborative approach is adopted, with teachers frequently creating new resources, sharing new ideas and trialling initiatives. GCSEs in English Language, English Literature, Media and Film Studies are offered by the department.

All of our students are entered for AQA GCSE English Language and Literature. The department achieves strong results when compared both nationally and locally. Last year, 66% of students achieved a Grade 5 or above in GCSE English and 61% achieved a Grade 5 or above in GCSE English Literature. 80% of our students achieved a Grade 4 or above in GCSE English Language, and 81% achieved a Grade 4 or above in GCSE English Literature.

Key Stage 3 units of work are constantly being evaluated and re-written. Our Year 7-9 course is fully resourced and offers students an engaging and challenging curriculum. We have embraced the opportunities afforded by the ending of levels at Key Stage 3 to create a curriculum built around formative assessment opportunities. The level of challenge has also been raised considerably to take into account changes in the new GCSEs.

At Key Stage 3, the majority of students are placed into mixed-ability groups. All of our Year 7 and Year 8 groups are taught in mixed-ability classes. At the end of Year 8, those students who we consider have Grade 8 or 9 potential at GCSE are placed into a high-ability group. The remaining students are taught in mixed-ability classes. At GCSE, students are re-grouped but the same structure of high-ability groups and mixed-ability groups is adopted.

The department offers students a rich extra-curricular life. Book clubs have run at both Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4. Many of our students have been entered and coached for debating competitions, and we have had considerable success in this area. Author visits, writers' workshops, theatre visits and NT Live screenings have all been organised in the last twelve months.

Most importantly, the department is a very friendly, supportive and unified team, with the potential to achieve outstanding results in the coming years.

If you require any further information about the department, please contact me at laurence.graves@marplehall.stockport.sch.uk.

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