YAVNEH COLLEGE

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

ENGLISH TEACHER

- To start September 2018
- To teach up to and including A-Level

EXAM RESULTS

2017
GCSE English Language – 90% 9 - 4
GCSE English Literature – 88% 9 - 4
GCE English Literature – 100% A* - C

THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

The English department occupies a suite of rooms, with each teacher having their own teaching room. Each one contains a projector, a visualizer and a computer. There is one smart board for any English teacher's use.

The department consists of a full-time Head of English and one full time Second in department. There are also 5 other full time English teachers, although two of these have wider roles in the school. The Head of English sets high standards for the department, with detailed schemes of work designed to challenge all pupils. The English teaching observed by Ofsted was judged to be outstanding.

In addition to the English teaching rooms, there are computer rooms that can be booked in advance; there is also laptop trolley that the English department can book.

ENGLISH AT YAVNEH COLLEGE

At KS3, pupils have three one hour lessons every week. They study a range of Language and Literature in preparation for the start of the GCSE course in Year 9. The class sizes vary, but the low ability classes are usually kept below 20 pupils. At KS4, all pupils study English language, and English literature. The school follows the AQA GCSE specification, with the classes having four lessons each week in Year 10 and 11. For A level we offer AQA English Literature spec A. All staff get the opportunity to teach A level at some point.



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THE ENGLISH CURRICULUM

KS3 ENGLISH

The curriculum for Yr7 and 8 pupils covers 20th century novels and prose extracts; pre-20th and 20th century poetry; Shakespeare; travel writing; descriptive and narrative writing; autobiographical and biographical writing and work on language paper 1 and 2.

GCSE ENGLISH

This curriculum is taught over three years and follows the AQA specification for both English language and English literature. These are two separate GCSEs. As a result, the pupils study the following:

- Anthology poetry
- Unseen poetry
- 20th century text (play or novel)
- Pre-20th century novel
- Public speaking
- Shakespeare
- Language papers 1 and 2

GCE English Literature

We follow the AQA specification A for A level English Literature. We do not offer AS level.

Presently, the course consists of the following:

- Study of The Great Gatsby to compare with pre-20th century anthology poetry
- Study of Othello
- Study of unseen poetry
- Study of A Street Car Named Desire
- Study of unseen prose
- Study of Spies to compare with poetry
- Coursework



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There are 7 members in the English department, one of which is an assistant head and another, a head of year. The staff are highly motivated and enjoy a great deal of collaborative work. They are used to people coming in and out of lessons to observe them informally. All are extremely friendly and supportive and there is an open culture to develop new ideas. Although the schemes of work exist, teachers are encouraged to use their own strengths when teaching, and to use the schemes as best suits them and the class. This is an incredibly successful department, with results for A* to C for both GCSE literature and language over 92%. Our aim is always to challenge, for the pupils to achieve the best results possible, and to expand their minds both culturally and socially.



EXTRA CURRICULAR

There are many extra-curricular activities which take place in the English Department:

- Theatre visits
- Reading groups
- Poetry club
- British Library visits
- Poetry lectures & set text lectures, particularly for 6th form

JOIN OUR TEAM

We appreciate the time and effort it takes to complete an application form and therefore thank you for taking the time to apply to Yavneh College.