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Department Details

English

The levels of talent and experience in the English Department at QES are second to none. This means that you will be working with a large department of outstanding classroom practitioners and librarians who inspire students to achieve the high levels of success they enjoy.

Pupils are set according to ability in order to maximise the progression achieved by all. At Key Stage 3, schemes of work are largely in line with the revised National Curriculum. Termly topics allow pupils to experience a breadth of text types and genres, which not only develop the skills needed for GCSE, but also allow for independent thinking and creativity. Years 10 and 11 currently follow Eduqas GCSE English Language and English Literature, with the vast majority (last year 84% 9-4 in English Language, 81% 9-4 in English Literature) achieving good GCSE grades in both.

English Language (OCR), English Literature (AQA Specification A) and Media Studies (Eduqas) are popular options at Advanced Level. Therefore, a significant proportion of Year 12 students choose to continue the close working relationship they have built with the English Department through their Sixth Form options. This outcome is a testament to the energy and enthusiasm with which English is taught at QES. Another indication of this is the excellent results our students achieve at all stages.

Finally, I think it is important to emphasise the close cooperation that takes place at all times between all members of the department. Our success is a result of teamwork, with ideas and information being shared on a day-to-day basis. The combination of characters and the variety of areas of expertise provide an exceptional array of strengths. The support and good humour that is much in evidence is just another part of what makes teaching English at QES so enjoyable.