

Who teaches English:

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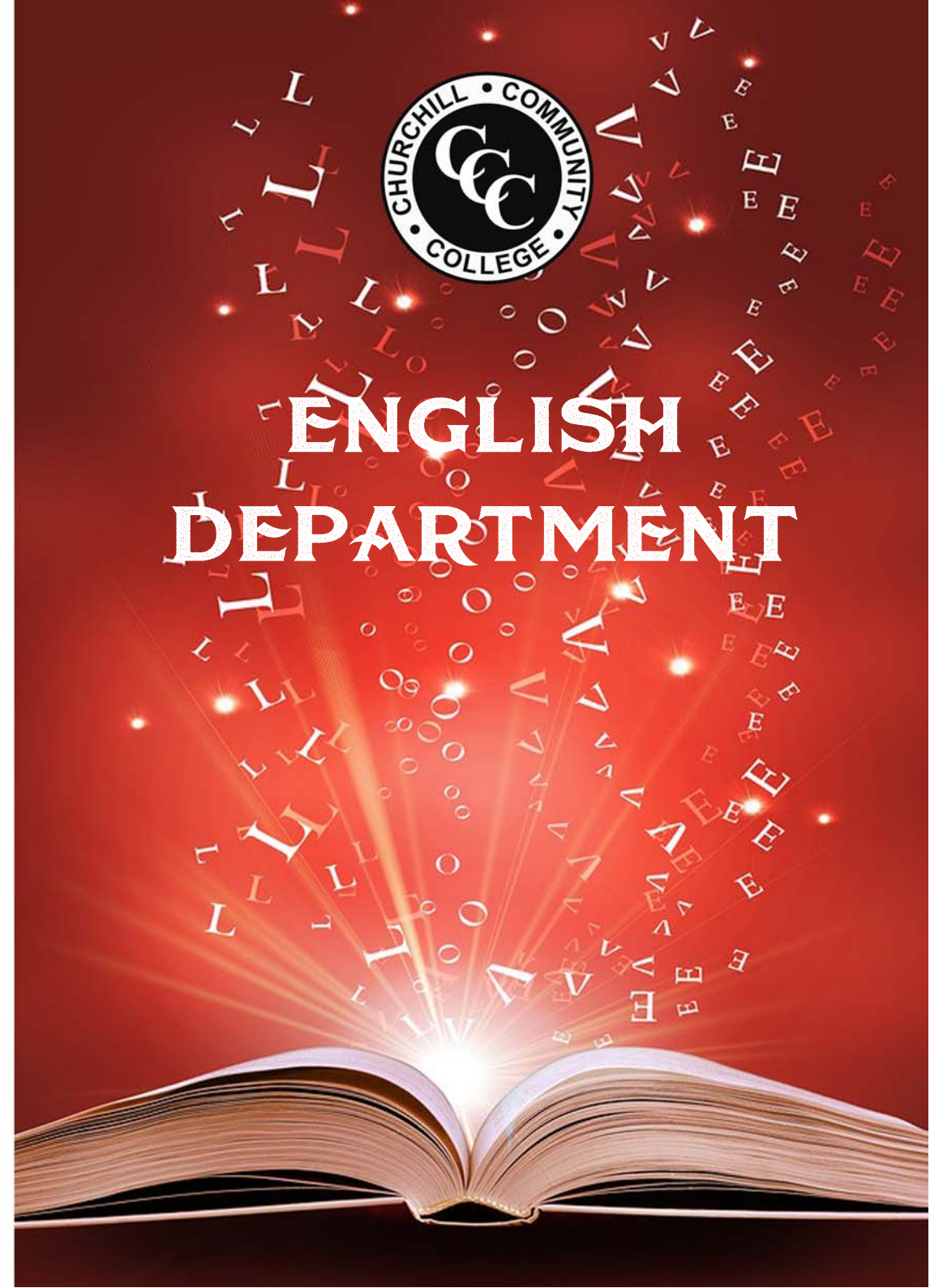
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## English Department

The defining characteristic of our department is our unrelenting commitment to our students: they are central to everything we do. We work hard to develop and sustain positive relationships with all our students and strongly believe that sharing our high expectations and creating a culture of ambition and pride in achievement is central to our success. We enjoy working with our students and they know it!

Students have confidence in us and they work with us to explore and push their potential in English to the limit: targets are viewed by all as minimum expectations. We are firm advocates of developing meaningful learning dialogues with students and our embedded use of marking, feedback and student response has helped us to thoroughly engage students with their own learning and to fire their ambition to acquire and master skills across Reading, Writing and Speaking and Listening. The positive outcomes of this approach are reflected in our levels of achievement and attainment.

We have high expectations of ourselves and of every member of the team and we all strive to be outstanding teachers. All members of the department take on additional responsibilities, commensurate with student need. The department continues to meet change and challenge head-on: leadership is necessary from us all, to rise to the new challenges ahead and to make sure that every student continues to receive outstanding learning opportunities in English.

***'Never stop learning,  
because life never  
stops teaching'***

**We believe** that a wide range of communication skills is central to empowering our students for life beyond the classroom, preparing them for participation as active and productive members of the community. Whilst we see ourselves as preparing young people to succeed in the ever changing modern world, we also believe in developing a love of literature and we encourage reading of all texts for pleasure.

## What examinations do students sit?

Currently AQA GCSE English and GCSE Literature. At Key Stage 5 students study A Level English Literature AQA Specification B.

## Where do we teach?

There are four rooms adjacent to the Key Stage 4 and 5 Learning Resource Centre: two classrooms and two computer suites. Four other teaching rooms are adjacent to the Learning Support Department.

**We expect** that all members of the department will be keen to progress with their careers and we are keen to encourage and support this: career development is embedded within the department's and the college's rationale. The college has an extensive CPD programme and offers a bespoke CPD package to each teacher. This incorporates all aspects of teaching and learning. The college has a dedicated Teaching and Learning Team who, as well as assuring standards, leads on pedagogy and innovation. There are many opportunities to lead on CPD and there is also a fully accredited middle leader and senior leader development programme.

