

CHESTERFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

FACULTY OF ENGLISH

The English Faculty is a dynamic, forward-looking faculty which is dedicated to the attainment of students in English, and is passionate about engendering a love of the subject in our students.

Currently, we are a department that is comprised of eleven English specialists with a strong English leadership team comprised of a Head of Faculty, a second in Faculty, two lead teachers and a TLR postholder. The leadership team are responsible for leading outstanding teaching and learning, and thus attainment, in both GCSE English Language and English Literature, as well as the three separate A Level subjects we currently offer: English Language, English Literature and Media Studies.

We currently follow Eduqas GCSE specifications for Language and Literature, with students entering for their English Language in Year 10 followed by English Literature in Year 11, and despite recent changes in the format of the new GCSE examinations in English, 82% of students last summer achieved a grade 4 and above in English in the new 100% terminal examination, a result which we were very proud of. We were similarly proud of the successes in each specific GCSE (as follows), and particularly with the successes of our pupil premium students.

Year 11 English Language – 74% at grade 4 and above (national average – 62%)

Year 11 English Literature – 75% at grade 4 and above (national average – 72.6%)

In fact, over the past three years, the Faculty's GCSE examination results have been consistently very strong, and current predictions for this year's cohort of students predict similar successes.

Furthermore, the Faculty has achieved some extremely pleasing results for the AS and A2 cohorts over the past three years in English Language, Literature and Media Studies. A large number of students continue on to these courses from GCSE. The faculty currently follows the Eduqas specifications across all A Level courses.

The Faculty's extra-curricular activities reinforce its aspirations: reading and writing clubs are run across each Key Stage, with a particular, though not exclusive, emphasis on opportunities for able students. Visits from theatre companies, speakers and performers, along with trips to outside events, are also widely promoted and popular with the students.

Overall, the Faculty is a very dedicated team, exchanging ideas and offering mutual support with both classroom management and curriculum delivery. We have our own suite of English rooms and almost all English staff teach exclusively in their own classrooms. However, we have an 'open door' policy and thus regularly engage in supportive peer-review activities such as observing each other's lesson in our drive to maintain outstanding standards. We also regularly exchange lesson plans, resources and continually review our practice together to strive to be exemplary practitioners. In short, we have a real 'team' ethos.

Closing Date: 10.00am Monday 29th January 2018

Applications will be considered on arrival and the School reserves the right to interview and appoint before the closing date.