

English Faculty

The English Faculty comprises an enthusiastic, supportive and collaborative group of ten teachers, committed to providing the best experience and opportunities for all of our students. We work together to address school based priorities but have a strong sense of our own identity and a clear direction.

In Key Stage 3, we teach seven one hour lessons per fortnight to our Year 7, 8 and 9 students, who are set in mixed ability classes. In addition Years 7 and 8 have a one hour Reading for Pleasure lesson each cycle. Our Key Stage 4 students all study for both English Language and English Literature GCSE and enjoy eight hours of English a fortnight (nine hours in Year 11). At Key Stage 4 we have two broad banded top sets and five mixed ability sets. At Key Stage 5 we offer three subjects: English Literature; English Language and Literature; and Film Studies, all of which have eight hours of lessons a fortnight. Film Studies is currently available at A Level and will be offered at GCSE level from September 2022.

As a curriculum area, we have complete schemes of work for each unit to ensure lesson consistency. Our Key Stage 3 schemes have been fully rewritten, to provide a varied and enjoyable curriculum with clear routes for progress, but with the flexibility to adapt to individual teachers' and classes' needs.

Our aspiration is that every child leaves our classrooms with a love of language and reading across the ability range and an empowering command of the written and spoken word. We are well resourced and all of our teaching rooms have electronic projectors and interactive whiteboards. We have invested heavily in new class readers for our Reading for Pleasure lessons.

We have a strong team ethos and believe in working collaboratively, sharing ideas and supporting each other to achieve great things, and see this as the key to further developing effective teaching and learning strategies.

Courses offered at KS4	Qualification	Board
English	GCSE	AQA
English Literature	GCSE	AQA
Film Studies	GCSE	EDUQAS

Courses offered at KS5	Qualification	Board
English Language & Literature	A Level	AQA
English Literature	A Level	AQA
Film Studies	A Level	EDUQAS