

Churston Ferrers Grammar School

Teacher of English

Churston Ferrers Grammar School is a pleasant, co-educational, selective grammar school set in the attractive countryside between Brixham and Paignton. We have 1014 students on roll and there is a sixth form of 275 students. Our students are eager to learn and have a positive attitude to learning. The school has gained outstanding in all areas in the last two Ofsted inspections.

We are seeking a well-qualified and enthusiastic individual to join the team and someone who feels comfortable using technology to enhance teaching and learning. Courses are offered at Key Stage 3, GCSE and A Level. We have a two week timetable and lessons are 75 minutes in length. Students receive five lessons of English in year 7; four lessons in year 8 and in years 9, 10 and 11 students are taught for six lessons per two week period. From September 2018 year 9 students will begin their three year GCSE course.

Students are taught in mixed ability classes and in years 8 to 11 groups will be taught in two bands of six groups. The department has five main teaching rooms and there are specialist Drama studios and spaces which are all in close proximity to The Cube: The Learning Resource Centre. Large screens and data projectors are available in all the classrooms and they are regularly used. The school currently has four ICT rooms which can be booked for group use. There are also chrome books and i-Pads which can be used by the students and booked by individual teachers. All students in years 9 - 13 will possess their own chrome book. The English Department makes extensive use of Google Drive and all teaching resources for each year group are accessed via our own Team Drive.

We have our own English office where staff can work and share ideas on an informal basis. Various extra-curricular activities are organised by department members for example theatre trips, competitions, author visits, workshops and The Carnegie Book Award. There is also a Challenge and extension group for VI Form Students which meets at lunchtime. We have produced three variety shows in the recent past entitled Churston Unplugged to which both staff and students have contributed. We are currently organising a day to commemorate World Book Day and International Women's Day which will include talks and book signings from different authors plus a motivational talk from a group of female rowers; they are planning to row across the Atlantic.

At Key Stage 4 we currently follow the Edexcel GCSE English Language and English Literature specification. Almost without exception all students gain at least a Grade 4 and the vast majority of pupils achieve considerably higher grades with twenty-three Grade 9s achieved in 2017.

At A Level we follow the Edexcel English Literature specification. This is a popular option and traditionally over 80% of the students have gained an A or B grade. We also offer the Eduqas A Level English Language specification and this provides an option for students to analyse non-literary texts and study aspects of creative writing and spoken language. Pupil achievement in this subject is similar to English Literature.

We should like to welcome a member of staff who is keen to contribute to the success of a well-established and hardworking team. This vacancy presents an exciting opportunity to work in a successful and happy department where resources are shared. Please indicate in your letter of application how your particular strengths and skills would be utilised to contribute to the team and engage students at Churston Ferrers Grammar School. The post is suitable for a newly qualified or more experienced teacher.