

## **ENGLISH DEPARTMENT**

There are eight members of the English Department, including the Second in the English Department and the Key Stage Three Co-ordinator of English. The English Department is housed in a suite of rooms within the main School and classrooms are well-equipped with audio-visual facilities and extensive access to the School's computer network. There is a spacious departmental office. The new Performing Arts Centre is the venue for the School's dramatic productions, and houses further classrooms used for teaching; it also contains extensive rehearsal space. Recent productions have included *The Crucible*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *The Lord of the Flies*.

In English, the Lower School curriculum provides opportunities for the development of accurate, fluent writing skills and includes a wide range of reading for whole-class and individual use. In Years Seven and Eight pupils have a fortnightly reading lesson in the Library and a Reading Passport Scheme is in place in order to facilitate the development of pupils' individual reading skills and taste. Lower School Book Clubs meet weekly at lunchtimes in the Library. Pupils are encouraged to become independent and reflective learners.

Pupils are taught in sets in English from Year Nine onwards. The Department is currently following the AQA Specifications for GCSE. In the Sixth Form, students follow the OCR syllabus in English Literature, which is assessed by both examination and a small percentage of coursework. English is an increasingly popular subject at this level, and the teaching of Sixth Form sets is shared between two teachers. A number of students proceed to university studies in English, including Oxbridge entry. There is a flourishing Literary Society, which supports a number of enrichment opportunities including theatre visits, study days and visiting speakers. There are opportunities to contribute to the enrichment of the curriculum at all levels.

### **The Person**

We seek to appoint an outstanding teacher who is able to inspire in our pupils a love of the subject through dynamic classroom practice. The successful candidate will be capable of teaching to at least GCSE level. Sixth Form teaching may be available for a suitably qualified and experienced candidate. Candidates should be able to demonstrate a love of the subject, and a genuine commitment to sharing their enthusiasm for it with young people. A willingness to contribute to co-curricular enrichment in the subject and/or co-curricular activities would be an added recommendation.

The post can be part time or full time and exact details, including salary information, will be discussed at interview.

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