

# The Netherhall School English Department

The Netherhall School English Department has a long and consistent record of success across all key stages. All members of the department teach across the full age and ability range, and all are English specialists.

In the Sixth Form we offer three courses: English Literature and English Language and Literature (both Eduqas) and Creative Writing (AQA). Our numbers in the sixth form have remained buoyant for some time, and we have a strong track record of achieving excellent value added scores for students.

At GCSE, we follow the Eduqas courses for English Language and English Literature. We are proud of our record as the only school in Cambridge to have entered all students for both subjects for many years.

Schemes of work are in place for years 7, 8 and 9, ensuring that all students cover broadly the same areas in each year, but within this structure the department actively encourages a creative and dynamic approach to teaching the subject. For example, teachers within the team use stop-motion animation to teach 'Macbeth', use a wordless graphic novel to teach creative writing skills, and regularly employ drama strategies in the English classroom. We all encourage students to read widely and independently and have regular timetabled lessons in the library so as to support this.

Ofsted has praised the department for its wide range of enrichment activities which include: Carnegie Medal Shadowing Group; Sixth Form Reading Group; Book Club; visits from professional writers; and trips out of school to the theatre, cinema and local museums.

All members of the department have their own classrooms in a new teaching block which was first opened in January 2010. All the rooms are equipped with data projectors and interactive whiteboards.

The English Department at Netherhall has a very strong team ethos: we enjoy a culture in which staff readily share resources and actively seek opportunities to learn from each other. We have a high profile in the school and play a leading role in shaping and developing good practice both beyond the department and in the local area.

We are seeking to appoint an excellent classroom practitioner who will inspire young people and contribute fully to the life of the department.

## The English Department Team

Kate Barker:	Lead teacher for intervention
Alison Binney:	Head of English
Jo Clifford:	Literacy TA
Sean Dooley:	Second in English
Emma Hayward:	Head of Year 12
Lisa Morrison:	Head of Year 10
Helen Parfect:	Professional Tutor
Caroline Powell:	English teacher
Tim Rogers:	English teacher