



ENGLISH FACULTY

2019

Our large and successful Faculty consists of fifteen teachers, including two Assistant Vice Principals and a Vice Principal, who create a highly professional, enthusiastic and supportive team. The Faculty Management Team work collaboratively, led by the English Faculty Leader in conjunction with two Key Stage Co-ordinators who currently take responsibility for KS3 and 5. We believe in mixed-ability teaching throughout our key stages, and have seen this prove successful in recent years.

A differentiated curriculum structure and organisation of teaching groups aims to facilitate students to achieve their expected progress, and beyond, within a supportive and encouraging learning environment. Students tell us that they benefit from a varied experience of different teaching styles and particularly enjoy writing creatively and developing their critical thinking skills in analysis. The Faculty is supported by extremely well-resourced Learning and Information Centres on both the Mill Road and Fambridge Road Sites. ICT Facilities, on both sites, are located within easy reach of the Faculty teaching areas. Theatre/Conference Visits, a creative writing club (with regular competition entries) and annual involvement in the Jack Petchey 'Speak Out' Challenge are some of the varied activities in which students engage outside of lesson time.

At Key Stage 3, classes are taught in groups with an average size of 28 students. Literacy is given a high profile in the school and all Year 7 and 8 students participate in the Accelerated Reading programme as part of their English lessons: students have a LAIC (library) lesson once every three weeks. We mark books with a system of ongoing targets aiming to get students mastering skills across multiple pieces of work, utilising both teacher and student-led feedback.

At Key Stage 4, all students study both AQA GCSE English Language and English Literature. In 2019, English Language results matched national standards for students achieving 9-4. We are above the national average for Literature Grades 9-4, with 77% of students at this level, and with 50 students achieving grades 9-7. We are proud of these results as they show a steady improvement across recent years, and as we are a truly all-inclusive community academy.

At Key Stage 5, English Literature (Edexcel) and English Language (AQA) courses are popular and successful. This September both A-Level courses have started being linear only, and have exciting and engaging introductory units which offer students a university-style transition into these subjects, with the aim that we encourage students into pursuing these subjects at higher education level.

The English Faculty takes a collaborative approach to teaching and professional development, and provides a supportive environment for both staff and students alike, with passionate professionals who centre their practice on providing the very best for Maldon's community.