

Birchwood High School

English Faculty



Accommodation

We have a suite of ten dedicated rooms, all with SMART interactive white boards and a well-resourced faculty office. Two of the rooms house a total of 30 Apple Macintosh computers all installed with Adobe CS6.

Ethos

The English and Media faculty is forward thinking, dedicated and extremely supportive. We achieve a high level of success due to our willingness to work collaboratively to ensure that this success will grow and that we maintain a relevant and challenging curriculum that meets the needs of all our students.

Key Stage 3

We have a five year curriculum that allows for the key skills required in the new GCSE to be embedded right from the beginning of year 7. Students are grouped according to ability from year 8.

Key Stage 4

All students follow the AQA English Language and Literature courses. Schemes of work have been written by a range of teachers in the faculty and resources are shared and updated regularly.

Key Stage 5

As a result of students enjoying and succeeding in the English Faculty, A level uptake has increased significantly over the past few years. 'A' levels on offer this year at Birchwood are English Literature, English Language, Film and Media. Next year, this trend is set to continue with more students taking the range of courses we have on offer.

Media and Film

Media Studies and Film Studies are currently very popular option subjects at GCSE and GCE. Both Media and Film achieve good results with a diverse range of students and this is why it remains such a popular choice.

Trips

We offer a range of trips for students across all key stages and subjects, for example students have seen theatre productions of "The Taming of the Shrew", and "The Importance of Being Earnest"; students have attended conferences on Literature, Film and censorship at the BFI and attended tours of the Globe as well as participated in workshops on "Romeo and Juliet". We have had visitors and speakers come in to school that also support various schemes of work across the faculty.

