MYTON SCHOOL

DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

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There are currently 17 full and part-time English specialists who teach across all key stages. The Department is led by Nicola Ealden, with Emily O'Grady (Second in Department, in charge of KS4), Helen Gallico (KS3 Coordinator), Anna Meredith (KS5 Coordinator) and the Leadership Team Link, Jenny Menezes (Deputy Head).

FACILITIES AND RESOURCES

The English Department occupies a modern purpose-built centre on the school site, consisting of 11 modern classrooms all equipped with interactive Smartboards and visualisers, a separate Media classroom and an English department work room. We are well resourced and keep our literature stock refreshed and up to date.

OUR PHILOSOPHY

As an English team we are creative, forward thinking and focussed on collaboration. We are a committed, lively and enthusiastic department with a strong sense of a shared vision and a supportive team ethos. We are always striving to develop and improve the curriculum we offer and the ways in which we deliver it.

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

Our results continue to be well above the national average for 3 and 4 levels of progress between KS2 and 4. In 2018 we were delighted our students achieved 81% Grade 9-4 in the new English GCSEs, 68% Grade 9-5, and 26% of our cohort achieved Grade 7+ with 7% gaining the coveted Grade 9. All students take GCSEs in English Literature and English Language, and some also complete Functional Skills and the Step up to English qualification.

At KS5, Literature students achieved 95% A*-C grades and Language students 89% A*-C grades.

Our many extra-curricular opportunities are often led and run by sixth form subject ambassadors. We have a winning Youth Speaks team who regularly compete, a creative writing club, a book club, we run regular theatre trips to enhance the curriculum, host visiting authors, run writing competitions, Carnegie shadowing, Warwickshire reading awards, we celebrate World Book day across the school. We have a strong working relationship with the RSC as a partner school, which gives both staff and students lots of great opportunities to see their performances and be involved in their education programmes.

THE CURRICULUM

Key Stage 3 (Y7 – 9)

- Students enjoy English at Myton and we have consolidated that with a lively and challenging new KS3 curriculum reflecting the new GCSEs. In year 7 and 9 we use Bedrock Vocabulary with all students, recognising the importance of engaging students in reading and widening their vocabulary.
- We work closely with our English Boost team to ensure all students can develop to the best of their ability. We run the Read Write Inc phonics programme with some of our Y7 and Y8 cohort and other alternative and supportive provisions for some KS3 and 4 students to ensure no child is left behind.

Key Stage 4 (Y10 – 11)

- At KS4 we offer AQA GCSE English Language and English Literature to all students, running a 2 year GCSE course.

Key Stage 5 (Post-16)

- In the Sixth Form, we run A Level courses in English Language ('Linguistics'), English Literature, Language & Literature Combined, Film Studies and Media Studies.. English is a popular and high achieving subject in the Sixth Form.

WHY JOIN US?

We welcome enthusiastic colleagues who share our philosophy and have high expectations of the potential of all students. Above all, we want someone who is resourceful, positive and energetic. Should you be appointed, you can be sure of a warm and supportive welcome in a dedicated, professional team.