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The English Faculty

Welcome to Rainhill High School's English Faculty. We are an ambitious team and over time have built up a high performing faculty in both English Language and English Literature at KS3, KS4 & KS5.

Aims

- To provide an exceptional experience of the English Curriculum both in and out of lessons.
- To stimulate and maintain pupil interest in English through the highest quality teaching and learning, taking into account starting points and any barriers to learning.
- To develop pupils' ability to communicate, orally and in written form, at all levels, using appropriate strategies to address different audiences and purposes
- To maximise the achievement of pupils in English and in English Literature at Key Stages 3, 4 and 5 against national and locally agreed benchmarked targets
- To promote good citizenship by incorporating concomitant skills and issues into all our schemes of work across all Key Stages

English Faculty Ethos

- We are a forward-thinking and dedicated team of experienced English specialists
- We are committed to the development of best practice in all aspects of English teaching
- We value teamwork and commitment
- We value the ability to communicate enthusiasm for our subject to pupils and colleagues alike
- Our major concern is the nurturing of the individual child within a secure learning environment, while promoting independent learning and challenging each pupil to achieve his or her potential

Curriculum

- At Key Stage 3, all pupils follow a 2-year curriculum structured and delivered according to the updated NC guidelines for English. Our main aim at KS3 is to provide a seamless 'five year mastery curriculum' into KS4, as the distinction between these Key Stages is now largely redundant
- Pupils will begin KS4 in Year 9 and study EDUQAS GCSE English Language and Literature
- Currently, year 10 students complete their GCSE English Literature exams to allow for one year dedicated to each aspect of the GCSE English curriculum; they complete language in year 11.
- At Key Stage 5, roughly a third of Rainhill High School Sixth Form students study English (AQA English Language B or AQA English Literature A)

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Examination Performance

All students sit both English Literature and English Language

GCSE Results			
	2019	2018	2017
English overall			
A8	10.44	10.66	10.76
P8	+0.19	-0.03	-0.06
9-7	22%	26%	29%
9-5	75%	67%	68%
9-4	89%	84%	83%
English Language			
9-7	21%	19%	23%
9-5	68%	56%	62%
9-4	85%	81%	77%
English Literature			
9-7	8%	26%	17%
9-5	57%	56%	50%
9-4	80%	75%	73%

A Level			
	2019	2018	2017
English Language			
A*B	68%	43%	75%
A*C	92%	57%	100%
English Literature			
A*B	75%	40%	30%
A*C	88%	60%	70%

English_Faculty Staff List

Personnel

Vacancy

Wendy Segal

Vacancy

Claire Dickman

Position in Faculty

Head of Faculty and KS4

Deputy Headteacher – Raising Standards

Head of KS3 English

Head of KS5 English

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Lauren Jones	Lead Practitioner and Lead Y10 English
Nicola Ericson	LFC Senior Link Teacher
Maria Ball	Teacher
Claire Flaherty	Part time
Stephanie Lunt	Teacher
Laura Melia	Teacher
Hannah Pagan	Teacher
Catherine Sharpe	Teacher
Laurissa Farrell	Teacher
Vacancy	Teacher
Vicky Tyrer	Reading Recovery
Joanne Hill	Admin/Data support

Resources and Rooming

Twelve dedicated English teaching rooms

Extensive refurbishment of all English rooms took place in 2014

ICT Provision

- All English Rooms are fitted with an IWB
- Laptops are available for booking across the school
- Some classrooms are equipped with computers

Curriculum Enrichment Activities:

- Curriculum-related drama workshops and performances in school, most recently 'A Christmas Carol' in December 2018
- Visits by authors and poets
- Poetry and prose writing competitions
- Literature and language workshops for A Level Students
- Regular theatre visits, most recently 'Death of a Salesman' in December 2018
- Celebration of 'World Book Day'
- Accelerated Reader programme to all pupils in Y7 and Y8
- Scholastic book fairs visit twice yearly
- BASH reading group and library visits
- 'Literature Academy' for pupils in Y11,12 and 13.
- RSC screenings in school (most recently Frankenstein in October 2018)

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'The English Faculty at Rainhill High School has a supportive, caring culture within which our students thrive and achieve. We are a collaborative team who demonstrate cutting edge approaches to teaching and learning and a genuine love of English as a subject. We ensure a love of English is shared with our students by our own passion for the subject; this is across all year groups and in the sixth form. The faculty has close links to the school's five main feeder schools to ensure a smooth academic transition. We challenge and engage our learners but we also guide them to analyse, explore and apply their knowledge in a variety of different forms. Joining our team would not only provide you with agile, enthusiastic learners but also the opportunity to work within a friendly and dedicated team of teachers.'

Teaching and learning is at the heart of what we do; we pride ourselves on our supportive and collaborative approach to planning, delivery and feedback/marking.

Mrs Wendy Segal
Deputy Headteacher

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