



Introduction to the English Faculty

The English Faculty at Westleigh High School has always been considered a strong, hardworking Faculty and one of our strengths is the ethos of teamwork, support and cooperation. We aim to deliver stimulating, exciting and differentiated lessons to motivate and encourage all students so that they can fulfil their potential.

By setting regular targets for all students studying English at KS3 and both English and English Literature at KS4, we provide continuous guidance for students of all abilities, to ensure that they make maximum progress. We are currently following the AQA syllabus in English Language and English Literature with all students, who enjoy a rich diet of high quality fiction and literary non-fiction.

Our knowledge of the new KS4 curriculum is strong with regular training and CPD a feature of faculty meetings. We are fully transitioned and operational with life beyond levels at KS3 and enjoying a 5 year Key Stage 4 assessment model.

We are really proud of the progress that we have made at Westleigh over the last few years. We are confident that results will improve as students are challenged during KS3 to make maximum progress through the study of literature and non-fiction which is differentiated to stretch every individual. The English Faculty also places a huge emphasis on the development of written skills to ensure that all students become fluent and creative writers.

Over the course of a year, we offer a number of opportunities for students to enrich their experiences of English. Many students have acted as librarians, taken part in book quizzes, poetry competitions and enjoyed trips to the theatre.

Each English room is equipped with an interactive projector and all members of staff in the school have a laptop computer. The Faculty also has a break-out space, intervention rooms, a computer suite, a class set of Kindles and several visualisers.

The successful applicant will join an enthusiastic, supportive and caring team. We work very closely together and all members of the faculty assume responsibilities of some type to further their professional development and further the progress of students.

The English Faculty

Mr D Nicholls (Head of Faculty)

Mr Nicholls is an established middle leader at Westleigh. He is leading on the progress of all pupils at both key stages.

Miss L Carr (Assistant Head of Faculty)

Mrs. Carr is currently leading on transition and reading initiatives in the faculty whilst enjoying a new, whole-school role co-ordinating literacy.

Mrs K Au (Teacher of English/Shadow Leader)

Mrs Au teaches at KS3 and KS4 and has overall responsibility for teaching English as an additional language and PP students.

Mrs Norcross (Teacher of English/Head of Y8)

Mrs Norcross is responsible for the Media Studies GCSE Course, teaches English at both Key Stages and is responsible for the co-ordination of explicit literacy lessons at KS3.

Mrs S Judge-Price (Teacher of English)

Miss Judge is currently on maternity leave and will return to school in the New Year.

Miss R Dingley (Teacher of English)

Miss Dingley teaches both KS3 and KS4 English as well as driving teaching and learning initiatives in the department.

Miss G Johnson (Assistant Headteacher/SENCO)

Miss Johnson, is Assistant Headteacher, but also teaches English at KS4.

Mrs C Moulton (Teacher of English/Assistant Head of Y7)

Mrs Moulton teaches KS3 and KS4 as well as assisting the head of Y7. She is responsible for effective homework planning and tracking.

Mrs K Furlong (Teacher of English/High Ability Coordinator/Assistant Head of Y8)

Mrs Furlong teaches at both key stages and is also the whole school High Ability Coordinator and Assistant Head of Y8.

Miss K Taylor (Teacher of English/Shadow Leader)

Miss Taylor teaches at both key stages and is also responsible for extra-curricular debating initiatives.

Miss A McArthur Brown (Learning Support Assistant)

Miss McArthur Brown works alongside teachers in the classroom, whilst also providing intervention lessons and reading interventions in and out of school.

Miss S Reece (Librarian)

Miss Reece ensures the library is a thriving, lively and popular resource area co-ordinating Accelerated Reader and Reading Plus.