**English Department at Helsby High School**

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and highly motivated teacher of English.

The department consists of twelve members of staff, nine full time and three part time, and we also benefit from a subject specific Teaching Assistant. There are 9 English classrooms, all equipped with data projectors, 2 rooms have an interactive whiteboard and 1 room has a suite of computers.

All students in Year 7, 8, 9 are taught English 6 hours a fortnight. In years 7 and 8 this includes a library lesson. In year 7 the students are taught in their form groups. In year 8 we place the students into mixed ability groups with 4 groups on each of our two bands. In years 9, 10 and 11 we move the students into 5 groups on each band. KS4 classes will be taught for 8hours a fortnight with 4 hours for English Language and 4 hours for English Literature. All students are entered for both English Language and English Literature.

We follow the AQA course at GCSE and have excellent results in both English Language and English Literature with 84% achieving 4+ and 72% achieving 5+. In addition to this we offer GCSE Media Studies where our current A\* - C pass rate is 66%. We also offer English Literature, English Language and Media Studies at A Level. Our current pass rate at A Level is 85% of students achieving grade C or above in English Language, 77% in English Literature and 85% in Media Studies. We have an excellent uptake at A Level and usually have 2 groups for each subject.

We run a number of theatre trips and organise a range of activities for students to participate in this includes writing competitions, visits from writers, workshops and clubs.

The English department is highly motivated, achieves excellent exam results and employs a range of innovative approaches to teaching and learning. Students in the school have an overwhelmingly positive attitude in relation to the English and Media subject areas and have very positive relationships with staff. The opportunity exists to be very creative and to stretch and challenge students of very high ability.

Please visit the English section of the school website for further information and details about the department.

Mrs C Taylor

Department Leader for English