

## **Beaumont School**

### **Teacher of English (MPS) (Maternity Leave)**

We seek a well-qualified and highly motivated teacher to join the very successful English Department at Beaumont. It is a hard-working, friendly department with a mixture of experienced and more recently qualified teachers – seven of them full-time and two part-time. Great emphasis is placed on working together and sharing ideas - an ability to work within a team is, therefore, essential.

Beaumont School offers a pleasant teaching environment with well-behaved and well-motivated pupils of all abilities, with the distribution of ability skewed towards the more able. Results in English are outstanding at all levels (within the top 10% of schools in England). All pupils take both Language and Literature at GCSE; the subject is also very popular at A Level. The following paragraphs give more detail about the English Department.

### **Curriculum**

*"Teachers have excellent subject knowledge and demonstrate a passion and love for their subject"* Ofsted 2014

In Years 7 and 8 English is taught in mixed-ability form groups. In Year 9 students are divided into eight mixed ability groups across the form settings. For GCSE English/English Literature the year group is rearranged into eight mixed ability teaching groups of approximately 24 pupils. The department is following the new AQA syllabuses, examined from 2017. All pupils are expected to achieve a GCSE grade for English Language and English Literature. Emphasis is placed on ensuring that pupils experience a balanced, wide-ranging curriculum that includes study of both modern and pre-twentieth century texts from the beginning of Year 7.

At A Level, OCR English Literature is offered. English Literature is a very popular subject at this level and we currently have around 54 pupils taking A Level English in Year 12. GCSE 'retakes' are also organised where necessary by collaboration with consortium partners.

### **Timetable Allocations for English**

(45 minute periods, out of 34)

Yr7	5 lessons
Yrs 8-9	5 lessons
Yr 10	5 lessons
Yr 11	5 lessons
Yrs 12-13	6 lessons

In Years 7 and 8, one lesson per week is a static reading lesson that takes place in the school library, and follows the structured Accelerated Reader programme.

## **Resources**

The English department maintains strong links with the library and works in close liaison with the chartered librarian to offer comprehensive facilities and a range of visiting authors and speakers to all pupils. The department also works closely with the Learning Support Department in operating a programme of in-class support. Members of the department have collaborated to develop schemes of work and support materials. We read a wide range of texts, both modern and those drawn from the Literary Heritage.

## **Examination results 2020**

### **GCSE**

	<b>% Grades 7 – 9</b>	<b>% Grades 5 - 9</b>
<b>English Language</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>84</b>
<b>English Literature</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>85</b>

### **A2**

	<b>% A* - B</b>	<b>% A* - E</b>
<b>English Literature</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>100</b>

## **Visits, activities and extra-curricular contribution**

In addition to the aspects mentioned above, the English department organises an annual public-speaking competition in which all pupils in Years 7-10 take part. There is a Year 8 book project, in which pupils meet children from local infant schools and write books designed specifically for them.

A large number of theatre visits have been organised by the department and pupil uptake is generally enthusiastic. We also organise trips to relevant lectures and there are reading, creative writing and debating clubs.

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