



English Department Information

Staffing

- Nine full time English teachers.
- One English Instructor and two subject specific Learning Support Assistants.

Responsibilities within the English Department

- The Head of the English faculty is assisted by a Key Stage 4 Co-ordinator, a Key Stage 3 Co-ordinator and two Lead Practitioners, and is responsible for the vision and ethos of the area, curriculum and examination policy, liaison with senior leaders, staff issues (including staff development), finance and discipline of students.
- The Key Stage Co-ordinators are responsible for monitoring standards of teaching and learning, the organisation of schemes of work, setting of students, liaison with Learning Managers and advising the Head of English on resourcing and curriculum development.
- The Lead Practitioners are responsible for developing strategies for teaching and learning and supporting the development of all English staff.

Curricular Policy

a) Key Stage 3 (Years 7-9)

- Students spend six lessons in a fortnight studying English with the addition of 2 Literacy lessons per fortnight in Years 7 & 8.
- Students spend ten lessons in a fortnight studying English in Year 9.

b) Key Stage 4 (Years 10 - 11)

- Students spend ten lessons in a fortnight in Years 10 & 11.

c) Years 12 and 13

- Timetable provision is eight lessons per fortnight in Year 12 and 13.

Setting

- In Years 7 to 11 all classes are set within two half Year blocks.

Courses

At GCSE the department prepares students for 2 different courses: AQA English Language and Literature. At AS and A2 Levels the department offer courses in English Literature or English Language and Literature both set by AQA.

Examination

The Department has a record of examination success at all levels and has sent many students on to higher education.

Departmental Accommodation

- A suite of nine specialist classrooms plus a smaller room used for intervention.
- All classrooms have interactive whiteboards and speakers.
- All full-time staff have their own teaching room.
- All staff have access to numerous ICT suites with thirty computers in each.

Visits/Events

- The department organises a number of events including visits from Theatre companies, poets and writers.
- Use is also made of outside agencies to work with students for intensive revision.