



English Department

The English team, here at Hollingworth, believe in working hard to inspire in children a love of literature and language. By exploring together a wide variety of often challenging texts, we believe in encouraging pupils' curiosity whilst ensuring that they are equipped with the skills that they need to be successful for their future.

There are 13 teachers in our English department, who have a broad range of experiences and expertise. The department consists of:

- Head of Department
- One Senior Assistant Headteacher
- Two Assistant Headteachers
- 3 TLR post holders
- Main scale teachers

The department has 10 classrooms with access to two banks of laptop computers situated in the department. All staff have a laptop and all classrooms have an Interactive Whiteboard and Visualizer. The department is generously resourced with text books, dictionaries, novels, plays and poetry anthologies. Planning and development in the department is always collaborative and departmental meetings are used to plan and share good practice.

At KS3, emphasis is placed on teaching writing and grammatical skills through reading – often challenging texts. At KS4, the department currently follows the AQA syllabus of English Language and English Literature. In 2018, 87% of all pupils achieved 4-9 and 72% achieved 5-9 in English.

The department is committed to effectively delivering a broad and balanced English curriculum. Every year we include initiatives such as a high profile World Book Day event and participate in national debating competitions, where we have recently experienced significant success. In addition, we run a stretch and challenge initiative linked to universities and we have recently launched a school newspaper. We invite local poets into school, and take pupils to visit the theatre. We also encourage year ten pupils to become peer mentors in order to support the literacy skills of younger pupils.

We have a 25 period week and the successful candidate will be expected to teach a total of approximately 21 lessons.

We are a very positive, dynamic, forward-thinking and collaborative department. Hollingworth Academy is committed to becoming World Class. If successful, you will be joining a creative and committed team who share the Academy's vision for progress. If you would like to join us on our journey, I look forward to hearing from you.

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