

MYTON  SCHOOL  
DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION  
THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

## THE DEPARTMENT

There are currently 19 full and part-time English specialists who teach across all key stages. The Department is led by Nicola Ealden, Head of Department, with Tracey Heggs (2nd in Department), Anna Meredith (KS 3 Coordinator), Alex Town (KS 5 Coordinator) and the Leadership Team Link Helen Bridge (Deputy Head).

## FACILITIES AND RESOURCES

The English Department occupies a modern purpose-built centre on the school site, consisting of 10 modern classrooms all equipped with interactive Smartboards, a separate media classroom and an English department work room. We are well resourced and keep our literature stock refreshed and up to date.

## OUR PHILOSOPHY

As an English team we are creative, forward thinking and focussed on collaboration. We are a committed, lively and enthusiastic department with a strong sense of a shared vision and a supportive team ethos. We are always striving to develop and improve the curriculum we offer and the ways we deliver it.

## OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

Our results continue to be well above the national average for 3 and 4 levels of progress between KS2 and 4. In 2015 for GCSE we achieved 73% and 79% A\*-C respectively in English Language and English Literature. In 2016 we achieved 87% A\*-C in English, with a third achieving A\*-A grade.

At KS5, Literature students achieved 69% A\*-B grades and Language students 56% A\*-B grades.

We have many extra-curricular opportunities in English, often lead and run by our sixth form subject ambassadors. We have a Youth Speaks team who regularly compete, a creative writing club, a book club, we run regular theatre trips to enhance the curriculum, we welcome visiting authors, run writing competitions, Carnegie shadowing, Warwickshire reading awards, we celebrate World Book day across the school, BBC school news report and run gifted and talented writers workshops.

## THE CURRICULUM

### Key Stage 3 (Y7 – 8)

- Students enjoy English at Myton and we have consolidated that with a lively and challenging new KS3 curriculum introduced in 2014 and updated to reflect the new GCSEs in 2015/16. In year 7, 8 and 9 we use Accelerated Reader with all students, recognising the importance of engaging students in reading.
- We work closely with our head of Accelerated Literacy, Hannah Calvert, and our small team of accelerated progress staff, to ensure that all of our students are catered for and develop to the best of their ability. We run the Read Write Inc phonics reading programme with some of our Year 7 and 8 cohort and run other alternative and supportive provisions for some of our KS3 and KS4 students. We want to ensure that no child is left behind.

### Key Stage 4 (Y9 – 11)

- At KS4 we offer AQA GCSE English Language and English Literature to all students, running a 2 year GCSE course and a Y9 curriculum that develops our students in an engaging way, ready for GCSE study.

### Key Stage 5 (Post-16)

- In the Sixth Form, we run A Level courses in English Language, English Literature and Media Studies. English is a popular and high achieving subject in the Sixth Form.

## WHY JOIN US?

We welcome enthusiastic colleagues who share our philosophy and have high expectations of the potential of all students. Above all, we want someone who is resourceful, positive and energetic. Should you be appointed, you can be sure of a warm and supportive welcome in a dedicated, professional team.