

## The English Faculty

Marple Hall has a team of thirteen English staff with 12 permanent teaching bases on one corridor. We are a hard-working, dynamic and very successful department with a terrific team spirit.

GCSEs in English Language, English Literature, and Film Studies are offered by the department. All of our students are entered for AQA GCSE English Language and Literature. The department achieves strong results when compared both nationally and locally. In 2019, 65% of students achieved a Grade 5 or above in GCSE English and 64% achieved a Grade 5 or above in GCSE English Literature. 81% of our students achieved a Grade 4 or above in GCSE English Language, and 80% achieved a Grade 4 or above in GCSE English Literature.

We are currently transforming our Key Stage 3 curriculum and the process will be fully completed by July 2021. Our Year 7-9 course is fully resourced and offers students a rich, engaging and challenging experience. In Year 7, the focus is on **characterisation**. Students are introduced to 'antagonists' in a range of classic literature: 'Oliver Twist', 'The Tempest', 'Frankenstein' and 'Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde'. In Year 8, the focus is on **settings** and **authorial intentions** as students explore 'nightmare and dystopian worlds' in 'Animal Farm', 'Lord of the Flies', 'The Giver' and a range of non-fiction texts. In Year 9, students explore the **theme** of love and relationships in 'Of Mice and Men', 'Romeo and Juliet' and a range of poems. Alongside Literature lessons, students also have weekly 'Grammar for Writing' lessons.

The department offers students a rich extra-curricular life. Our new Literacy-lead is introducing a range of exciting interventions and opportunities for students. Many pupils have been entered and coached for debating competitions, and we have had considerable recent success in poetry competitions. Author visits, writers' workshops, theatre visits and NT Live screenings have all been organised in recent years.

Most importantly, the department is a very friendly, supportive and unified team, with the potential to achieve outstanding results in the coming years.

If you require any further information about the department, please contact me at [laurence.graves@marplehall.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:laurence.graves@marplehall.stockport.sch.uk).

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Determination

Honesty

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## Our Community — Our Future

**A place of excellence where learners are proud of their school and confident of success**

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