

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 Language.

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

We're working towards Artsmark Awarded by Arts Council England

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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

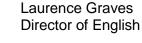
considerable recent success in poetry competitions Author visits, writers' workshops,

Most importantly, the department is a very friendly, supportive and unified team, with the

have been entered and coached for debating competitions, and we have had

theatre visits and NT Live screenings have all been organised in recent years.

potential to achieve outstanding results in the coming years.







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

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