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Thank you for your interest in this post. Below is a brief description of the department. Further details about our school, including our most recent Ofsted report, the school Prospectus, and the “School Background” document, can be seen under “School Information” on our website (www.kennetschool.co.uk).

To apply please complete and submit the school application form. Your application may, if preferred, be emailed to office@kennetschool.co.uk. You are reminded that the closing date is noon, 13 October 2017 and you are encouraged to send in your application as early as possible. ***Please ensure we have appropriate daytime telephone numbers so that we can contact you speedily.***

Kennet School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Please complete the attached form.

I look forward to receiving your application and can assure you that the successful candidate will be joining a school which brings both great challenges and rewards to teachers on the staff. Our progress in recent years has been remarkable, but we intend to set ever higher standards and to lead our pupils by example.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P G Dick', written in a cursive style.

P G DICK
Headmaster

THE ENGLISH AND DRAMA FACULTY

The English and Drama Faculty is a thriving teaching and learning community; we work together to improve outcomes for pupils by valuing shared planning, strong subject knowledge and researched based teaching practice.

In April 2011, Kennet School converted to academy status. This has been a marvellous opportunity for the English Faculty to develop its innovative provision and links with the wider community. The English Department has achieved consistently good results at GCSE with 71% grades 9-4 in both English Language and English Literature in Summer 2017. In the same year, A Level English Language achieved 77% A*-C and Literature 93%. Despite this success, the department is keen to improve these figures further and secure even greater success for our pupils.

The English Faculty is staffed by 19 teachers and a specialist English teaching assistant who is an integral part of the team. English staff are expected to teach across the full age range. The faculty is allocated a suite of 14 specialist English rooms, each equipped with a Smartboard and PC. A class-sized computer room containing 16 computers is situated in the centre of the English suite, and the faculty room also contains a computer for staff use. One of our classrooms also has a stage, lighting deck and small computer suite. Additional resources include laptops, a class set of iPads and Smart Document Cameras.

The library is a large and vibrant resource which houses 33 laptops and 30 PCs. The English Department works closely with the librarian to increase Reading for Pleasure and to develop literacy skills. Reading in Year 7 is encouraged and monitored through use of the Accelerated Reader Programme. The English department regularly have timetabled use of the library for research and reading lessons. We also collaborate with the library to develop the annual Book Week, which, amongst other activities, includes author visits and workshops.

Our curriculum at Key Stage Three covers a range of young adult fiction and canonical works, in order to facilitate a love of literature but also to prepare pupils for the challenges of the AQA GCSE English Literature and Language, which all pupils at Kennet study. Over the course of an academic year in Key Stage Three, pupils will study three main concepts (for example, 'Overcoming the Monster') in order to ensure depth of learning. We have detailed schemes of learning for all of our Key Stage Three topics and a strong culture of paired planning to work efficiently and, of course, to provide the best outcomes for our pupils. At A Level both Language and Literature are popular subjects and we have an experienced group of A Level teachers who work to support members of the department who are new to teaching at this level. For A Level English Literature in summer 2017, 25% of our pupils were graded A or A*, with 93% achieving A*-C.

GCSE Drama attracts three groups of Key Stage 4 students in both Years 10 and 11. A-Level Drama and Theatre Studies is enjoying growth. BTec Level 3 in Creative, Media and Production has been a successful addition to the curriculum recently.

Miss H Shayler
Head of English and Drama

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