**The English Department**

The department consists of three full-time members of department and a part-time teacher. Two members of the department also teach drama. The staff are all experienced and extremely knowledgeable about their subject. They are committed, lively and willing to adapt to new methods as well as using their very considerable experience, in order to achieve impressive results throughout the school.

The main aims of the department are to encourage an enjoyment of literature and language and thereby achieve clear written expression and creativity. Work to improve technical accuracy and develop sophisticated communication is an ongoing focus of the department.

Key stage 3 classes are allocated 6 hour long lessons each fortnight. Key Stage 4 classes have 7 sessions per fortnight. At Key Stage 5 we run two courses: English Literature and a joint course, English Language and Literature. In Year 12 there are 10 sessions a fortnight and 9 in Year 13. The examination board is AQA for both GCSE and A Level. Years 10 and 11 are taught in two or three sets depending on the size of the year group.

We regularly enter teams for external public speaking competitions and run internal house competitions. Groups of sixth form students are encouraged to produce their own newsletter. We hold an annual Kingsley Young Writer competition across the school and regularly contribute to other national competitions. The department organises a wide variety of trips to Stratford and London theatres. We also have visits from travelling theatre groups for particular groups or whole school audiences.

In order to promote reading, Key Stage 3 groups have weekly lesson time in the library which has a dedicated librarian. Reading groups run on a regular basis and visit conferences and workshops organised by the local county library service. At intervals we have visits from authors and speakers and these may be opened to a wider audience of local schools. Whole school assemblies are a regular feature of department life to celebrate national book and poetry days.

**GCSE Results Year 11**

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|  | **No of Entries** | **%A\*** | **%A** | **%B** | **%C** | **%D** | **%E** |  |
| 2015 | 66 | 6 | 42 | 33 | 7 | 4 |  |  |
| 2016 | 105 | 10 | 30 | 43 | 11 | 6 |  |  |
| 2017 | 83 | **Grd****9**5 | **Grd****8**14.5 | **Grd****7**14.5 | **Grd****6**27 | **Grd****5**21 | **Grd****4**12 | **Grd****3**2 |

**AS level: A2**

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| **2015 9** | **22** | **22** | **22** | **23** |  |  | **2015 10** | **20** | **10** | **30** | **20** | **20** |  |  |
| **2016 7** | **26** | **29** | **26** |  |  |  | **2016 9** |  | **22** | **11** | **44** | **22** |  |  |
| **2017****10** | **20** | **20** | **50** | **10** |  |  |  | **2017****5** | **40** | **40** | **10** |  |  |  |  |

The current post holder does not teach drama but has the responsibility of line managing the drama department and coordinating production with external directors.