



# STRATFORD GIRLS' GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Fellow Teacher

Stratford Girls' Grammar School is a very special place to work. The pride that the girls take in their learning; their relentless desire to achieve; and most importantly, their enjoyment of expressing ideas and opinions creatively, has meant that my experience of teaching here has been incredibly rewarding.

As a department, we are keen to nurture the girls' natural curiosity and love of learning, whether that be through the development of a diverse curriculum at all key stages, through exploring a range of different texts from across genres and time periods, or through offering a variety of extra-curricular enrichment opportunities. We pride ourselves on our ability to listen and respond to the needs of students, adapting our practice and offering support and intervention where needed. We like to think that our students are given both the opportunity to explore their own ideas, and also clear direction by our specialist team of teachers when required. It is through this balance that we aim to achieve outstanding outcomes from our girls.

As a member of our department, you would be fully embraced as a highly valued specialist of your discipline and, as such, given the opportunity to channel your interests and specialisms through your teaching. With support from the team, you would be guided through our curriculum, teaching and assessment policies and given the support to enable you to build your confidence as a practitioner. We are a team who work together closely, consistently sharing best practice and collaborating on curriculum design and assessment matters. We are looking forward to introducing the new A-level English Language and Literature to students in 2018. This will involve a collaborative approach where individual strengths will be celebrated when deciding which components to teach.

Some of the highlights of our school year include a poetry writing competition, run in parallel with our National Poetry Day celebrations. In February, we entered two teams for the Rotary Youth Speaks Competition with our Intermediate Team this year winning the District round. We can also boast that one of our Year 12 students has recently become Warwickshire's Young Poet Laureate. In March, World Book Day will be celebrated this year with a World Book Day Bake Off and other in-house exciting activities. Our A-Level Language students are about to attend a Conference in London where David Crystal, among other linguists, will be speaking. We have an active creative writing group, take part in National public speaking competitions and we work closely with the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust, supporting the annual Shakespeare Lecture. We also arrange theatre trips to enrich students' learning beyond the classroom.

I hope that I have been able to give you a sense of our department ethos and the learning culture here at the school. Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is either anything you would like to ask, by phone or by e-mail to [litterick.e@sggs.org.uk](mailto:litterick.e@sggs.org.uk).

If the SGGS I have described sounds right for you, we look forward to receiving your application.

Yours faithfully

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