



THE ENGLISH & DRAMA FACULTY

The faculty fosters a love of literature and the English language and encourages students to express their opinions in a confident and sensitive manner. This is at the heart of everything that we do. We are a very experienced and academic faculty with a wide range of individual specialisms and interests.

The English Department, consisting of three full time and three part time members of staff, is very well-equipped with a range of source books, texts, audio-visual and interactive whiteboards. The faculty aims to create a stimulating environment in its four classrooms, with interesting displays of pupils' work.

Pupils at KS3 (U3, L4 and U4) are well established on programmes of study which offer scope for individual teacher's strengths and interests. This means that whilst there is some freedom of choice in schemes of work and class texts, as well as manner and order of delivery, the faculty is required to work within clear frameworks at each



key stage. A range of teaching and learning styles is encouraged at all levels, with pupils quick to respond to group work, individually negotiated tasks or whole class activities.

In Years 10 and 11 (L5 and U5) all pupils work towards the OCR Syllabus GCSE in English and English Literature. The great majority of girls achieve at least a level 6.

English Literature continues to be very strong and popular subject at A Level with two groups of students in each year studying for the OCR Syllabus which, together with set texts for examination, includes coursework and a substantial amount of "Unseen" Critical Appreciation. At present, all students are examined at AS and again at A2. The great majority of girls achieve at least a B grade.

The life of the department extends beyond the timetabled curriculum with frequent theatre trips, visiting speakers and discussion groups. The Globe Theatre attends the school on an annual basis and we often host events such as the Spellbound Festival.

Drama – a separate department – is very popular, not only as a subject at all levels, including GCSE and Theatre Studies at A Level, but also as an extra-curricular activity. The department consists of one full time member of staff and one part-time member. The department has a dedicated Drama Studio. The great majority of girls achieve at least a level 7 at GCSE and an A grade at A Level.

