



The English Department

English is an energetic and forward looking department where academic success for selective boys at GCSE remains outstanding in the Borough. In 2017, students achieved 39% Grade 9-7 in GCSE Language and 96% Grade 9-4; in Literature achievement was 26% 9-7 and 96% 9-4. At A level there was 100% pass rate in both Language and Literature with 28% achieving A*-B in Language and 40% achieving A*-B in Literature.

The English department is a widely experienced and committed team. We share a collective vision of promoting an appreciation and understanding of a range of challenging literature across all key stages, including developing their own interests in reading and we aim to ensure all students are fully equipped with the language and literacy skills to articulate their opinions in a confident and sophisticated manner. Students at Beths enjoy a wide and varied curriculum delivered through a range of challenging and stimulating lesson activities and their learning is supported by regular assessment and feedback to enable progress to be closely monitored.

English at Beths Grammar School is taught in form groups in Year 7 and set classes for Years 8-11. At Key Stage 3, students receive three 50 minute lessons and at Key Stage 4, four 50 minute lessons in Year 10 and five in Year 11. At GCSE and A level we follow Edexcel Specification for English Literature. The department also offers Film Studies at A level. These are popular subject choices with students at Advanced Level and examination performance is traditionally high.

The successful applicant will have enthusiasm, innovation, and excellent organisational skills and be willing to develop their expertise within the Department. They should exhibit a proven track record of firm but fair discipline, have an understanding of the national initiatives in the delivery of English, as well as an ability to teach at all Key Stages and be a reflective practitioner. They will be joining a supportive team of individuals who are united in their ethos of providing excellence of teaching and learning for more able students.

The department received a most positive report following the last Ofsted inspection where teaching and learning was frequently deemed "Outstanding"; these qualities have subsequently been reconfirmed through internal SEF Reviews. The department is wholly committed to the whole school community and currently comprises two Heads of Year as part of its team.

Theatre trips, poetry and language conferences, a sixth form magazine, the Times Spelling Bee and Young Journalist of the Year competitions, reading and creative writing groups, debating competitions, Film Clubs et al, all testify to our drive towards expanding and challenging students' experiences at Beths.

The English department is a hard-working and collaborative team, committed to continuous school improvement and achieving academic success for our students.