

The English Faculty: -

1. A record of increasing academic success. GCSE results for the past three years have been our highest ever.
2. Has nine English bases, seven on the English Block, and two adjacent; all nine have interactive whiteboard facilities.
3. Has an ICT area with 30 PCs.
4. Has 12 highly motivated and talented staff who work closely as a team
5. Offers a forward-thinking curriculum across years 7-11, with the AQA syllabi being used for both English Language and Literature.
6. Has always been very well regarded by students and parents.

Belonging, Engaging, Succeeding Together

Our aim is for every student to achieve at the very best levels possible. High expectations, together with excellent relationships between staff and students based on mutual respect, lead to an atmosphere in which students enjoy their learning.

A relentless focus on high quality teaching and learning ensures that students have the best possible learning experiences in the classroom, and our emphasis on homework helps them to extend their learning beyond the school day and to develop important independent learning skills.

Our students are encouraged to work hard so that they take full advantage of the excellent learning opportunities open to them. We make sure that they are rewarded for their hard work through praise and also through a comprehensive system of rewards and merits.

"Pupils are committed to doing their best, and pupils of all abilities demonstrate resilience in lessons. They persevere when they find things difficult and understand what makes a successful learner.' Ofsted 2017

Creative Achievement - Arts and Applied Learning

Our Arts specialism helps us to develop our students as confident and imaginative young people. They are encouraged to find and develop their talents, whatever they may be, and a wide range of opportunities means that high numbers of students are involved. Performance skills are nurtured, through activities including ambitious drama productions and many musical activities including Rock School, choir, brass bands and orchestra.

When our musicians are not entertaining audiences within the school and local community, they frequently make their mark in competitions, winning titles such as North West Youth Brass Band championship.

We believe in giving our students the best possible experiences of working with professionals within the Arts and are particularly proud of our official partnership with the Halle Orchestra, especially as we are the first school to be granted this honour. We regularly welcome their musicians into the school to work alongside our students, with a positive impact on all areas of the curriculum.

Drama and dance have also forged important links with Arts organisations, including the Royal Shakespeare Company, and we have an extensive programme of activities in the community, including disability dance festivals. Our artist in residence – currently a sculptor – works across the curriculum to develop students' talents in the visual arts.

Our second specialism of Applied Learning enables us to enhance experiences of the world of work across our whole curriculum through a range of vocational opportunities that provide students with the knowledge and experience to apply their skills in the real world of work, giving them a real advantage in moving on to further education, training or employment.

For these reasons, we certainly intend to keep the focus on our specialisms!

Ofsted: Pupils benefit from a broad and balanced curriculum. The expressive and creative arts inject the curriculum with vigour and vitality', Ofsted 2017.

Method of Application

Please download and complete our application form. You should attach a letter of application outlining your educational philosophy, how you have prepared yourself for this post, your strengths and interests, what you have to offer. In particular your views on raising and maintaining levels of achievement would be most welcome.

Should you wish to discuss the post before making an application, or would like to arrange a visit to the school, please contact Ms Lewis, Head of English.

The closing date for applications is Wednesday 23rd January 2019. Interviews will take place week commencing 28th January 2019. We look forward to receiving your application.