



The English Department

The English Department is a dynamic and friendly team with a blend of experience and vigour. Currently there are six full-time members of staff; the ENCO and AUTISM LEAD teachers add further expertise to our department. Additionally, we have two subject-specialist TAs who work with all members of staff, supporting and enabling targeted students to achieve their best. We are an inclusive and aspirational department wherein all our teachers are supported in building upon and developing their personal strengths and interests, for both professional development and for the benefit of our students.

We follow the AQA GCSE specification, for English Language and Literature.

The Key Stage 3 course is followed in Years 7 and 8, with Year 9 focussing on transitional skills for the first half-term in preparation for their GCSE studies, which begin in earnest after Christmas. Again, students are taught in sets according to both their ability and their specific needs.

Life beyond the classroom involves many trips – most recently a year 11 trip to see 'Macbeth' at the Lowry, and a Y10 trip to 'Blood Brothers' in Blackpool. We currently run a reading group through the Library and provide revision opportunities for all students after school. Further development of such activities would be actively encouraged and welcomed.

One of our major strengths is our excellent relationships with all students, who say they feel safe, valued and supported, thus enabling them to become independent and aspirational students of English. We look forward to welcoming someone who shares our positive outlook, and is keen to expand their own teaching and subject knowledge. Above all, we look forward to working with someone who wishes, like us, to explore new and innovative methods of teaching and learning for the benefit of all.

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