



THE ENGLISH FACULTY

English is a well-established Faculty with an outstanding academic tradition. Each member of the Faculty is an integral part of the team, working together, sharing ideas and developing resources. The Faculty has its own block with a suite of teaching rooms and its own staffroom. The ethos of the Faculty is one of teamwork, enthusiasm and a sense of purpose - we also share a sense of humour. The Curriculum Team Leader is well supported by Key Stage post holders, a co-ordinator of literacy, a dedicated English HLTA and 1:1 catch up teachers. English is currently fully staffed with thirteen specialist teachers.

Key Stage 3 (Years 7 & 8)

Our programme of study and schemes of work ensure coverage of the National Curriculum requirements whilst offering the teacher the opportunity to utilise his/her own strengths. Assessment at KS3 is continual; we encourage students to assess their own progress, setting targets in consultation with the teacher.

GCSE (Years 9-11)

Students are entered for the AQA English language and English literature GCSEs. The most able students are placed in a top set and there are mixed ability sets after this for our three year Key Stage 4. English contributes well to the very strong GCSE results achieved at Sackville. In 2018 the English Progress 8 score was +0.21 and +0.15 in 2019.

A Level

A Level English is very popular with students at Sackville. We currently offer students two courses: OCR English language and OCR English literature. Our KS5 results are strong which reflects the high level of commitment from staff and students.

ICT

We are fortunate to have our own I.C.T. resources with networked machines in the Faculty. All English classrooms are equipped with interactive whiteboards.

Library (Learning Resource Centre)

The LRC is staffed by a full-time and a part-time librarian. The librarians are keen to assist us in our drive to encourage students to view reading as a pleasurable as well as informative pastime. Students in KS3-4 use the Accelerated Reader Programme.

Extra-Curricular

Extra-curricular involvement includes regular theatre visits for all ages as well as visiting companies. Public speaking is very popular with Sixth Form students and Sackville is a regular winner of noteworthy competitions. Students are also encouraged to enter creative writing competitions, their enthusiasm enhanced by visiting writers. Students take part annually in the BBC School Report and we hold an annual whole school Reading Week.