**English Faculty**

**Overview**

The English faculty is a successful, hard-working and forward-looking team, committed to a view of English as an arts subject with strong links to the Performing Arts.

English is taught in mixed ability groups in Years 7 and 8, with an emphasis on adaptive teaching, supported by strong and effective “in class” LSA support. Students move into narrower prior-attainment bands for the 3-year GCSE courses. There is always a high take up at A level, where courses in English Literature, English Language and a combined English Language and Literature course are offered.

Academic results at each stage are excellent, particularly when compared with prior

attainment.

There is a strong link with the Performing Arts Departments. There are two GCSE Drama groups in each of Y9/10/11 and Theatre Studies is offered at A-level. There is a specifically designated Drama/Dance Studio within the Performing Arts building; resources are very good, including audio visual equipment and a lighting system. The Hall is also an exceptionally versatile performance area, with good acoustics. The school has a reputation for presenting dramatic productions of the highest calibre, often working closely with the Music Department.

The successful candidate can be guaranteed tremendous support from our committed, dedicated team of English teachers, along with the unstinting support of the Senior Leadership Team.

For any further information please do not hesitate to contact Elaine Elliott, Head of the English Faculty.

We look forward to receiving your completed application form by the published closing date.