



# English Department Information



At Northgate High School, English is taught by a team of specialists who work closely together in order to ensure consistency and high expectations across all year groups. Team members share a common passion for English, a trait that is combined with excellent subject knowledge in order to ensure students achieve their full potential. We pride ourselves on being a supportive, collaborative department who work together to achieve the very best for our students. All English lessons are taught in 10 English classrooms which are well stocked and resourced in a dedicated English zone.

We believe that it is important to develop a love of reading, building on and developing the work of our feeder Primary Schools. Our well supplied library is integral to the department and the experienced librarian and library classroom are regularly used. The KS3 curriculum is carefully crafted to create a stimulating and challenging experience for our younger students, with units planned and executed to build on the invaluable work done at KS2 as well as prepare our students for the rigour of GCSE. In Years 7 and 8 students study a range of fiction and non-fiction texts in a variety of forms in order to develop their reading, writing and speaking skills. This includes participation in the Accelerated Reader programme. In Year 9 students focus on developing the transferable skills necessary for success at GCSE whilst studying a variety of poetry, prose, drama and non-fiction.

We aim to help students enjoy and achieve in reading, writing, listening and talking. The students are taught in mixed ability groups in English up to and including Year 11. In Years 10 and 11 all students follow the AQA specification GCSE syllabus for English Literature and English Language, with fully developed schemes of work available for each unit. All students are entered for both English Language and English Literature GCSEs and the department has a proven record of success.

At A level we run multiple groups in Years 12 and 13 respectively as a two-year linear A level course. We teach the AQA syllabus for both A Level English Language and A Level English Literature, courses which are well received by students and achieve some fantastic outcomes; a number of our A Level students go on to read English at university.