## **ENGLISH FACULTY**

The English Faculty at Nower Hill is made up of a team of 15 specialist teachers who pride themselves on achieving excellent results through being creative, innovative, and committed practitioners. We place a strong emphasis on academic rigour as well as encouraging independent thought from our highly articulate learners, and at the heart of our excellent record of examination achievement is a collaborative approach to planning. As well as having a specialist Faculty Teaching and Learning Assistant and two dedicated Graduate Intern Teaching Assistants our team have created thorough and detailed units of work, resources and assessment procedures for every module of our challenging and engaging curriculum.

We are very proud of our exceptional results. All students at GCSE take both English Language and English Literature and we follow the Eduqas syllabus. In 2023 our English Language results were 88% at Grade 4-9, with 31% of students achieving grades 7-9. In English Literature our results were 81% 4-9 and 34% 7-9.

Our sixth form goes from strength to strength and each year we enter around 40 students for the two A Levels on the OCR board. In 2023, our A2 English Literature results were 100% A\*-E, with 84% achieving A\*-B, an ALPS score of 3 over time. Our A2 English Language and Literature A Level in 2023 was 100% A\*-E with 38% achieving A\*-B.

Four lessons of fifty minutes each week are timetabled for students in Years 7- 10.  Students in Year 11 have five lessons of fifty minutes to allow for exam preparation. The English Faculty is situated in its own dedicated English block of 13 specialist classrooms, each fitted with a projector, teacher PC, visualiser and class libraries. We also have 30 classroom Chromebooks to facilitate the use of IT.

Teaching in this team is challenging but exciting, it is a faculty in which the teachers and students thrive on its continued success. The successful candidate will find the team supportive and welcoming, reflecting the school culture at Nower Hill.

**Neil Hardy**

**Deputy Headteacher**

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