

Teacher of English

Permanent, full time

Required for September 2024

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Blacon High School – More than a school

The English Department consists of eight specialist English teachers, an experienced Teaching Assistant and is led by the Head of English, with support from a Second in Department (KS4) and a KS3 Co-ordinator. Additionally, two members of the team are teachers of GCSE Media Studies.

The English Team are passionate, hardworking, enthusiastic and forward-thinking. There is a real passion for subject knowledge and research-led pedagogical approaches within the department. The team are renowned for leading on whole-school initiatives with the current aim to close the reading gap across all year groups. The successful candidate will deliver whole class teaching, team-teach to develop learning and teaching and subject pedagogy, with intervention hours to raise achievement. The school continues to grow and our strategic plan for delivering effective intervention as part of the recovery curriculum continues to succeed.

There are comprehensive Schemes of Work in place for KS3 and in KS4 which meet the needs of the new curriculum and include bespoke units to support reading, oracy and careers. The department is constantly looking for ways to improve the learning provisions for our students with their experiences and relationship towards the subject being at the forefront of this. In addition, the vision of the English Department is for our students to leave Blacon High School as **effective communicators** and to support this, we are currently on an exciting journey to developing our students' metacognitive skills in order for everyone to have a sense of achievement. The ultimate aim for our school is that our students will become 'thinkers', and the English Team are already leading the way with researching key strategies to support this.

In terms of our curriculum, we moved towards a three year KS3 from September 2022 and Years 7-9 all receive 8-9 hours of English per fortnight. At KS4, Year 10 and 11 classes receive 7 hours of English teaching per fortnight to cover Literature and Language. Our exam board is Eduqas (WJEC) for English Language and AQA for English Literature. Currently, the texts studied for English Literature are: Romeo and Juliet, Jekyll and Hyde, Power and Conflict Poetry, Blood Brothers and Unseen Poetry. The successful candidate will be part of an establishment that is progressive and passionate in its vision. The English Team are relentless to be the very best we can be and to ensure our students will be, too.

Lauryn Gibson-Tipping

Head of English