

## About the English Department

The English department has six teachers, each with their own skills and interests in teaching and learning. The department has their own suite of rooms in a central position in the school as well as their own staff room and resource base. This is located in close proximity to the newly created staff professional development centre.

Results have been consistently strong in recent years. A number of colleagues in the department are examiners, and the team have developed a strong set of centralised resources.

The Year 7-11 outline curriculum map:

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 7	Introduction to Narrative and the 19 <sup>th</sup> Century - class reader set in 19th Century.		Literature through time Memory and Self		Introduction to Shakespeare - 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'	
Year 8	War unit - narrative form with a focus on context  Class reader and range of war poetry and non-fiction texts such as letters and diaries		Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet	Gothic unit A selection of gothic texts including extracts and poetry	Journeys - travel writing / non fiction writing  Poetry from other cultures	
Year 9	Animal Farm - George Orwell Examples of political speeches Persuasive writing	Introduction to 19th Century detective fiction Choice of: Various Sherlock Holmes stories	Shakespeare - 'Much Ado About Nothing'  Unseen poetry linked by theme to Shakespeare text.		Introduction to GCSE Poetry and GCSE English Language Component 1	
Year 10 Literature	Shakespeare - Macbeth	GCSE Poetry Anthology	Complete poetry An Inspector Calls Start 19th Century novel	Spoken Language Endorsement preparation	19th Century Novel GCSE Poetry Anthology A Christmas Carol	
Year 10 Language	Narrative writing	Paper 1 Reading Section	Non fiction transactional and persuasive writing	Spoken Language Endorsement Preparation	Paper 2 Reading	Mock exam revision and feedback
Year 11 Literature	Revise Macbeth and Poetry  Revise and prepare for mock exams		Revise 20th Century Play Unseen Poetry	Revise 19th Century novel and revise for second mock exams	Final revision and exam practice	
Year 11 Language	Revision of reading section and narrative writing for Paper 1 mock		Revision of Paper2 reading section and non - fiction writing forms for mock		Final revision	

The department prepares students for the Eduqas GCSE English Literature and Language examinations in Year 11. Results in 2025 were as follows:

GRADE	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U	X
English Language (number)	4	2	11	32	36	27	30	11	7	3	4
English Literature (number)	2	4	11	27	49	30	21	6	4	3	1

The department has planned resources to engage all abilities. The Stowupland lesson framework is used within these, creating a recall, I do, We do and You do set of activities in each lesson.

Each year, students enter the Speak Out Challenge, organised as part of the Jack Petchey Foundation. There is also a focus on creative writing, with a number of students having short stories and poetry published in recent years. A school newspaper has also been produced by students in recent years. We are always keen to welcome colleagues who are keen to add English related extra-curricular activities into our offer.

The school has a well-stocked Library, and students in Years 7-9 have one library lesson per fortnight.

Lessons are 60 minutes long, and there are 5 lessons in the school day. Students have 7 English lessons per fortnight in Years 7-9, and 9 lessons per fortnight in Years 10 and 11.

Entry to the Stowupland Sixth Form is currently paused, but there is a plan to re-introduce the Sixth Form in the coming years.