



## ENGLISH FACULTY

You will be joining an English Faculty totalling eleven staff (including the successful candidate), six full-time and five part-time. We are an active and supportive group and the range of subjects offered allows us to teach a variety of disciplines. This is a friendly, highly supportive and energetic Faculty and one that is full of innovative and forwarding thinking ideas - we certainly do not stand still here.

We are a successful faculty who have in recent years been classified as 'outstanding' by Challenge Partners and by many judgements made about our teaching and management during Ofsted, during learning walks and as part of performance management. Students' performance at KS4 is strong, but we always strive to improve this with both faculty and class teacher intervention. Currently, Year 10 and Year 11 are following two GCSEs - AQA 'English Language and English Literature' as one route at GCSE over two years - with some GCSE topics at Year 9 due to the increased rigour of the examinations. In addition, AQA Media Studies is a popular option. We are a dynamic faculty and would want the successful candidate to contribute to our success - providing engaging and appropriate intervention.

We offer English Literature, English Language, Media Studies at A Level. These are all popular choices and many staff have some Post-16 teaching once they have established themselves. We seek to encourage students to develop their skills through an enjoyable and engaging experience in English lessons. We work hard to support the needs of our students and we are keen to further improve results at Key Stages 3 and 4. At Okehampton College we passionately believe in offering the best education available to all of our learners. It is our focus to ensure all pupils are able to access their full potential by using innovative teaching methods and ensuring our high expectations are positively communicated. Equity for all of our students is a particular area of focus for us, ensuring we are fully supporting our disadvantaged students and boys in particular who are students in particular need of support in our college.

English lessons at Okehampton College are characterised by a positive atmosphere and good relationships between staff and students. All teachers teach a range of abilities. English occupies a suite of rooms in the older part of the building. Nevertheless, all rooms are well resourced, each with a data projector. We have a media studio with a two camera/mixer set up and four editing suites. In addition, we have an English Office where people can work quietly, and where we have our regular meetings.

You will be joining a lively, welcoming and committed Faculty who class each other as friends as well as colleagues. We work together well, sharing ideas and supporting each other fully. All KS3 lessons are planned for teachers on a lesson by lesson basis, subject to teacher alterations, and further support is provided at KS4 as necessary. Okehampton College is an excellent place to teach - the students are friendly, the whole staff ethos is positive and the setting is beautiful.

All schools in The Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful candidate will be required to undertake an Enhanced Disclosure via the Disclosure Barring Service (DBS).

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**Okehampton College is "Outstanding" – Ofsted 2014**