

Weatherhead High School

English Department



We are looking for a passionate and dedicated Teacher of English to join our dynamic and high-achieving English Department. This is an exciting opportunity for a talented individual who is eager to inspire students, helping them realise their full potential in both English Language and English Literature. As part of our team, you will play a key role in nurturing students' literacy, fostering a love for literature, and ensuring all learners achieve their academic goals.

The successful candidate will have the opportunity to teach a variety of students, from Key Stage 3 through to GCSE, sparking curiosity and helping students appreciate the power of language. We seek someone committed to high standards of teaching and learning, who will contribute to the department's continued success and encourage students to excel, both academically and personally.

The English Department at Weatherhead High School is integral to our students' academic achievements. At Key Stage 3, students build essential literacy skills while exploring a diverse range of literary texts. These include works that promote cultural awareness, introduce students to the literary canon, and challenge them to engage with topical issues that resonate with the world around them. Our focus is on developing students' analytical abilities, enhancing their enjoyment of language, and fostering their creativity and independent thinking.

At Key Stage 4, students follow the AQA English Language and English Literature specifications. We take pride in our students' academic outcomes, with many progressing to study English at Advanced Level and then going on to read English at university. Our department fosters an environment where students are encouraged to think critically and creatively, honing their analytical and writing skills.

Beyond the core curriculum, the department offers a wide range of extra-curricular opportunities, including public speaking and poetry competitions. We also organise enriching trips, such as theatre visits to watch *Blood Brothers* and an annual trip to Stratford-upon-Avon. These experiences further deepen students' engagement with literature and enhance their cultural awareness.

As a team, we are supportive, experienced, and dedicated to continuously sharing best practice. We have developed a challenging and engaging curriculum that nurtures students' love for literature, language, and creative expression. Our department is well-equipped with modern classrooms, collaborative spaces, and access to the school's 500-seat theatre and exceptional Learning Resource Centre, creating an excellent environment for both teaching and learning. The Learning Resource Manager supports the Department and fosters students' passion for reading by organising Literature Festivals, author visits, competitions and celebration events of key literary days. These facilities support our extra-curricular activities and give students the chance to experience literature in a variety of immersive settings.

If you are an enthusiastic, innovative English teacher committed to inspiring students and helping them realise their potential, we would love to hear from you. For further information and to explore the English Department, please visit the school website at <https://weatherheadhigh.co.uk/project/english/>.