



## **Matravers School English Department**

### **The English Department**

We are a department that provides excellent teaching and learning for all pupils in our care. As a team we are dedicated to providing pupils with a broad, balanced and developmental curriculum underpinned by a commitment to improving the literacy of pupils at Matravers School so that they can take the most appropriate pathway for them once they leave full time education. A love of studying literature is central to our curriculum plan

We are a dynamic and highly motivated team teachers, ranging in experience. Within this team we have specialist classroom teachers, a dedicated Teacher of Reading and Writing and a teacher dedicated to supporting small groups with differing needs. Where possible decisions are reached through collegiate team-based discussion and management. All staff are actively encouraged to initiate change and developments within the department to drive forward improvements in our practice and as part of their CPD.

All team members have their own teaching base which is well equipped. All rooms have interactive whiteboards. There is a well-stocked library and reading for pleasure is driven by the Accelerated Reader Programme. Teachers have access to computer rooms and classroom laptops.

### **The Curriculum**

#### **KS3**

The department follows a thematic curriculum focused on key themes such as gender and social class and schemes of work are in place that follow the “Programmes of Study” and our sequenced “Skills and Knowledge” framework. Each term we focus on our ‘Golden Nuggets’ of learning, these are an integral part of the KS3 curriculum and is used to assess, monitor and track pupil progress as well as inform curriculum planning and development.

Our curriculum is designed to motivate, challenge and engage pupils. We are developing a Mastery approach in Key Stage Three which will build over the next two academic years to include each year group. Literature lies at the heart of much of what we teach.

#### **KS4**

The department follows the AQA syllabus for years 10 & 11. Pupils study GCSE English Language and Literature across years 10 and 11.

#### **KS5**

We currently offer A Level English Literature and English Language to the pupils in the Sixth Form as well as opportunities to re sit GCSE English. The department has a strong history of success at A Level. We follow the AQA syllabus.

### **Extra-Curricular Activities**

The department runs a range of activities from debates, spelling bees, Year 6 transition events, World Book Week events and various writing competitions. On top of this, there are weekly debate, reading and creative writing clubs run within the department.