



Welcome to the English and Media Department

We are a high performing English team who are passionate about motivating students to achieve their full potential within our subject area and beyond. We build our successes on our positive relationships with students, our rigorous curriculum across all key stages and outstanding teaching. We work closely as a team and thrive from sharing best practice and supporting one another. Our successes have been recognised by both internal and external inspections. Our outcomes have always been very strong and in our most recent results, we continue to perform above the national average and within the top performing schools within the county.

Department Team

Ms Jacq Powell	Head of English
Miss Rachel Champion	Assistant Head of Department: Key Stage Four Lead
Mr Jamie Russell	Assistant Head of Department: Key Stage Three Lead
Ms Lora Kite	Teacher of English and Media
Miss Eloise Charlot	Teacher of English and EAL Co-ordinator
Mrs Elizabeth Hawker	Teacher of English
Mr Alex Henry	Teacher of English

Accommodation and Facilities

All teaching staff are provided with a desktop computer in their classroom. It is accommodated in a suite of 7 rooms with projectors. Classrooms are equipped with an Interactive Whiteboard or Smart TV board. Students have access to a superb LRC encompassing various media, newspapers and magazines. We are also able to book one of our 5 ICT suites for computer-based lessons as required.

What happens in the English and Media Department?

- Creative, fully differentiated lessons with strong assessment
- Highly praised by Ofsted with the department highlighted for their best practice
- Mixed ability throughout KS3 and KS4 with an inclusive, positive and student-centred approach to teaching and learning
- Fully resourced Key Stage 3, 4 and 5 units on a wide variety of challenging texts and topics
- Shared outcomes and objectives with autonomy to adapt schemes of learning to class needs, interests and teacher specialism
- A robust in-house assessment structure for KS3 to replace National Curriculum levels
- GCSE students studying for 1-9 AQA English Language and English Literature
- GCSE Media Studies as a popular option subject in which we study the EDUQAS specification
- A vibrant Key Stage 5 offering A level English Literature and English Language (with plans to re-introduce A Level Media Studies going forwards)
- Regular LRC (library) lessons that are planned to complement units of work and celebrate English-themed events and enrichment e.g. national events such as National Poetry Day, World Book Day with special events – these have included visiting authors, competitions and assemblies
- A variety of trips across all key stages, including the theatre, creative writing workshops and Harry Potter World.
- GCSE revision sessions
- Regular departmental CPD and sharing of best practice: pedagogy and student-centred discussion is central to our meetings and collaboration

Come and visit us.....

For an informal chat or to see the department at work, please contact Jacq Powell:
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