



English Department

The English Department currently comprises 14 teachers and one specialist HLTA. We have a strong team ethos and pride ourselves on our consistency of approach and sharing of good practice and resources to ensure the progress of the students. This has led to consistently strong results at both GCSE and A Level.

We have a purpose built English block. This comprises a suite of English teaching rooms complete with state-of-the-art technology and a Drama Studio. All of the rooms are equipped with multimedia projectors and interactive whiteboards, as well as access to chromebooks where necessary.

We work to a two-year Key Stage 3 curriculum. The department has written its own schemes of work, matched to the new curriculum and building on the work done at Key Stage 2, which draw on both the good practice and expertise within the department. We continue to work on developing and applying the new assessment criteria to KS3 work with increasing success, while also making time in lessons for a focus on reading and promoting enjoyment of the subject.

These skills are then consolidated from Year 9 onwards where all Key Stage 4 students follow the AQA Examination Board Specification in both Language and Literature.

English Literature has always been a popular choice at A level. Post-16 students follow AQA Specification A. The department also offers Eduqas Media Studies at A level.

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