

## **English Departmental Information**

### **Staffing**

The Department currently comprises 6 English specialists:

Mr Peter Lovatt: DTL English

Mrs Sarah Townend: 2<sup>nd</sup> in Department; English teacher

Miss Leanne Johnson: 2<sup>nd</sup> in Department; English & Drama teacher

Mr Bob Moston: English teacher

Mrs Claire Houston-Brown: English teacher

Mrs Anna Panadee: English teacher

### **Background on Departmental Development.**

The English team is passionate that students achieve well and enjoy learning. Pupils arrive with relatively high levels at KS2 English and it is a challenge to ensure that they leave with commensurately high KS4 standards. We are delighted that the Department rises successfully to the challenge.

The English team is very supportive of one another and is committed to the very best interests of the pupils. Should you come to work at Endon you would have the support of the department and the whole staff to help you integrate successfully into the school.

The Department enjoys high standards of success - and teaching throughout the department is lively and varied. We support our lower achieving pupils with the use of Inclusion Support Assistants and give intervention to students to increase their basic skills.

KS4 pupils follow the Linear AQA English specification and Drama follow the AQA course also. A high proportion of pupils go on to study English or English based subjects at post 16.

We try to ensure that every child leaves with a qualification in English. This is usually a GCSE, but for some pupils completing the entry level certificate alongside the GCSE may be appropriate.

### **Timetable Allocation**

The allocation for the academic year beginning 2021 will be 4 x 100 minute periods for Year 7, 8, & 9 and 5 x 100 minute periods for Year 10 and Year 11 per fortnight.

In KS3 we follow a mastery curriculum in line with the rest of the school where we push students to work at foundation/developing/secure and excellence levels in line with their age.

We have subject ambassadors in each year group who help within the department and promote the subject amongst their peers. We have 2 pupils in each of the Years 7-10.

### **Accommodation and facilities**

There are currently five dedicated English classrooms and a Drama classroom/studio. All teaching rooms are equipped with interactive whiteboards, as are all general teaching rooms across the school. All teachers are allocated their own laptop.

### **GCSE Standards of Attainment**

We are very proud of the continuing high standards achieved by our students and we wish to improve yet further on our successes.

We wish to appoint someone who can demonstrate a high level of commitment to ensuring that all pupils achieve their potential, both in terms of examination achievement and of functional life skills. The successful candidate will demonstrate that they can maintain current levels of enthusiasm, and success, in the subject.

## **ICT**

All teachers in the school are equipped with a laptop computer. The school has five ICT rooms, which are bookable cross-curricular, although time is restricted. All staff are enthusiastic about using ICT to enhance the learning experience of pupils. We have individual programmes as well as web based activities. Use of ICT is an integral part of lessons.

## **Extended School Programme**

The school is committed to developing its extended school programme of activities. The formal curriculum closes at 3.00pm to facilitate a wide range of extended school activities between 3.00 – 4.00 p.m. Currently there are between 10-15 activities each day, some of which are led by staff, whilst others are led by students and supported by staff.

Candidates should be willing to contribute to the programme, in an area of interest not necessarily related to their subject specialism.