

**LAWRENCE SHERIFF SCHOOL**

**Home of the Coventry and Central Warwickshire Teaching School Hub**

**RUGBY**

**ENGLISH DEPARTMENT**

**Curriculum**

The school operates a two-weekly timetable. Each student has eight periods of English a fortnight in Years 7 and 8, increasing to ten across Year 9 and 11, and then twelve periods in the Sixth Form.

Students in Years 7-11 are taught in their house groups which are ‘mixed ability’ within the selective whole-school context.

**Year 7, 8 and 9**

The department has a policy whereby each form can expect to be taught by a different English teacher in each of their first three years in the school, if possible, so that they benefit from a range of teacher strengths and personalities. We incorporate aspects of the National Curriculum for English that represent ‘best practice’ and are appropriate to our selective school context, in our planning and in our teaching. Most boys enter the school with a high level of attainment from primary school.

**Key Stage 4**

All students will be entered for the Eduqas GCSE English Language and English Literature and are prepared to sit both examinations at the end of Year 11. Students currently study An Inspector Calls, Macbeth and Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde as their set literature texts as well as the Eduqas anthology of poetry.

**A level**

English Literature is a popular subject at this level, both with boys who have been in the school since year 7 and both male and female students who join us in year 12. We follow the Edexcel specification which offers an exciting range of set texts ranging from Shakespeare to Frankenstein to modern texts such as The Kite Runner. In addition, we offer Eduqas English Language to provide more choice for students who are interested in writing their own texts and exploring social attitudes within English.

**Staffing**

The department currently consists of: Subject Leader; Second in Department; and 4 other full-time teachers. We are a very friendly and supportive department.

**Facilities**

The English department is fortunate to be housed in the Griffin Centre, a purpose-built block, including four large classrooms, two smaller seminar rooms and an impressive Drama Studio. We all have a large work-space in the Department Office adjacent to the classrooms and a teaching base in one of the classrooms, where we teach most, if not all, of our lessons. The department is well resourced, with built-in TV and video facilities in every room and a fixed interactive whiteboard and data projector for departmental use.

**Details of the post**

The successful applicant will be expected to teach English across the age range, from year 7 through to A-level, and will relish the opportunity to do so.

The English Department is a hard-working, high-achieving, supportive team. We work collaboratively, with regular departmental meetings, in-house training and good access to externally run courses contributing to the development of staff and the subject. We have experienced success in raising attainment in English at all levels within the school and we are looking for someone who can make further contributions to this end. Our record for staff development is evident in the number of team members taking on additional responsibilities within a short time of joining.

Whether newly qualified or more experienced, the successful applicant for this post will be well qualified, enthusiastic about their subject and able to pass on that enthusiasm to pupils, and have a sense of optimism and of humour.

Sharon Thompson

Head of English

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