



# English Learning Area

## LEARNING AREA

The English Learning Area consists of five classrooms and a learning base. The learning base is open plan where 80 students can be team taught. Each classroom has an interactive board, while the Learning Base has three interactive linked boards and further computer facilities.

The English Learning Area is forward looking, creative, collaborative and highly effective. Never ones to rest on our laurels the English Learning Area strives to continually improve and inspire.

## STAFFING

Currently 13 teachers work in the department and responsibility in the area is with the Head of English. There are also several members of staff with responsibilities for the key stages and a head of whole school literacy.

## EXAMINATION RESULTS

Last year 68% of our Year 11 students achieved a Grade 4 or above in English Language and 54% a Grade 4 or above in Literature. We also have a 100% pass rate at A level with 100% of students achieving a Grade C or above in Film Studies, English Language and English Literature A Levels.



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## TEACHING AND LEARNING

The Learning Area groups students according to ability. At Key Stage 3 students are taught in two parallel bands with four groups in each band. At Key Stage 4 students are grouped according to ability lineally.

### Key Stage 3

Year 7 students receive three hours of English a week and an additional 'Let's Think in English' lesson.

Students at Key Stage 3 follow a modular programme which aims to bridge the gap between primary and secondary whilst also equipping students with the skills required for GCSE. We wish to infuse our students with a love of language and literature and as a result students receive a broad education. We are very well resourced and also deliver the Accelerated Reader programme to all Year 7 students.

### Key Stage 4

At Key Stage 4, students study for Eduqas GCSEs in Language and Literature. Students in Key Stage 4 receive four and a half hours of teaching per week.

Our expectation is that every student achieves their potential. All our Key Stage 4 students study GCSE Language and GCSE Literature.

### Key Stage 5

In the Sixth Form we run three very popular programmes. We teach A levels in Literature, Language and Film Studies. The Literature and Language syllabi are from OCR, Film Studies from WJEC.

## ENRICHMENT

We run many popular after-school activities. We have successfully entered students in Key Stage 3 for public speaking competitions, provide sessions that encourage wider reading and run the school publication alongside student volunteers.

For enrichment we have taken Key Stage 3 to the Pantomime or a West End musical while Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5 students have visited several theatres including the RSC in Stratford and the National Theatre in London.