

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

The English department consists of eleven specialist English teachers, a literacy coordinator and is led by the Head of English, Sarina Gaughan.

The English staff are passionate, hardworking, enthusiastic and forward thinking. There is a real passion for subject knowledge and research led pedagogical approaches within the department.

The department has twelve fully equipped classrooms, with two complete portable laptop units of 32 computers. All classrooms have interactive whiteboards, data projectors and visualisers, which can be linked to the teacher's own laptop.

The department is generously resourced with textbooks and specialist equipment. There are comprehensive Schemes of Work in place for KS3 and KS4 which meet the needs of the new curriculum. The department is constantly looking for ways to improve the learning provisions for our pupils with their experiences and relationship towards the subject being at the forefront of this.

The examination results are outstanding and have continued to improve. The GCSE results continue to be well above national with 82% of pupils achieving a grade 4-9 or higher, 65% of pupils achieving grade 5 to 9 and 25% of pupils achieving a grade 7 or higher.

In terms of our curriculum, Year 7 and year 8 classes receive three one hour lessons a week plus a one hour literacy lesson. Year 9 classes receive three one hour lessons a week. At KS4, Yr10 and 11 classes receive four hours of English teaching a week. Our exam board is AQA. The topics studied for English literature are: Macbeth, Jekyll and Hyde, Power and Conflict poetry, An Inspector Calls and unseen poetry.

The department has forged strong links with Manchester University, Teach First, and The George Orwell Foundation. The successful candidate will be part of an establishment that is progressive in its vision.

If you would like any further information, please contact the academy.

Sarina Gaughan
Head of English