



## **Sir John Nelthorpe School English and Performing Arts Faculty**

### **Structure of the Faculty**

The English and Performing Arts Faculty is led by a Director of Literacy and supported by an Assistant Area Leader.

In addition, there are two full-time teachers and four part-time teachers of English. In Music there is one full-time teacher. English staff also deliver a drama curriculum which is linked to the content of the English curriculum.

The faculty is supported by a Learning Resource Centre co-ordinator and a Learning Mentor for Literacy.

The English and Performing Arts Faculty continues to grow and develop, offering pupils a diverse, dynamic and forward-thinking curriculum and approach to teaching in all three subject areas. Each member of the team is given an opportunity to contribute to our pupils' experiences of English, Drama and Music, building on the unique expertise within the team. In addition, faculty-wide systems and a collaborative ethos, including a collaborative approach to planning and resourcing lessons, mean that the English and Performing Arts Faculty is one in which teachers can truly thrive and develop.

English results continue to place the faculty on or above National Averages at key benchmarks, and Progress 8 figures for the faculty continue to improve. The Faculty currently offers English Language and Literature at A-Level and Music at GCSE.

### **Curriculum**

#### **Key Stage 3**

English Literature and Language (2 X 1 hour lesson per week)  
Whole Class Reading and Vocabulary Development Lesson (1 X 1 hour lesson per week)  
Drama (1 x 1 hour lesson per week)  
Music (1 x 1 hour lesson per week)

#### **Key Stage 4**

Edexcel English Language 2.0  
AQA English Literature  
WJEC/Educas Music

#### **Key Stage 5**

AQA A-Level English Language (4 x 1 hour lessons per week)  
AQA A-Level English Literature (4 x 1 hour lessons per week)

Our English Curriculum is based around a three year KS3 and a two year KS4, with some pupils completing their GCSE English Literature at the end of Year 10. The Faculty places high value on pupils' engagement with reading, using lesson time to allow pupils to engage with Literature independently; there are also opportunities to develop the extra-curricular activities offered by the faculty, which currently include the Debate Club and vast and wide ranging number of music clubs including the Musical Theatre Group.