

THE OAKWOOD ENGLISH FACULTY INFORMATION SHEET

Oakwood School has a dedicated English faculty that embraces innovation and achievement.

The faculty comprises of 8 full time teachers and occupies 8 classroom and has access to a Learning Resource Centre which can be booked for reading and computer lessons. Each classroom is equipped with data projector and interactive whiteboards.

Key Stage 3

Students joining Oakwood in Year 7 are taught in mixed ability form groups before being placed into mixed ability groups for Years 8, with a top set in each population. Progress is assessed at regular intervals through assessments. Mixed ability groups ensure that all classes are of manageable size to ensure teaching and learning is more personable, as well as enables fluidity between classes. Key Stage 3 follows the National Curriculum. Each scheme of work is formally assessed at the end of the unit and supports the monitoring of student progress and intervention.

Year 7

Students will study: a drama text, poetry, creative writing, an introduction to Shakespeare and a novel.

Year 8

Students will study: seminal world literature, poetry, language skills, a Shakespeare play, Dickensian snippets and a novel.

Key Stage 4

At the start of Key Stage 4 (which we commence in Year 9) all students are placed in mixed ability groups, with an accelerated top set for each population; the same as Key Stage 3. When students move into year 10, they generally have the same English teacher for two years. KS4 students are studying the AQA English language and English Literature courses. GCSE Film Studies is also taught within the faculty's KS4 programme as an option.

An outline of how the study of English and Literature is covered during Key Stage 4 is given below;

Year 9

Students will study: non-fiction writing, 'Power and Conflict' poetry, gothic writing, 19th century extracts, English Language Paper 1 reading skills through 'Animal Farm' and Unseen Poetry.

Year 10

Students will study: 'A Christmas Carol', English Language Paper 2, 'Power and Conflict' poetry, and 'Macbeth'.

Year 11

Students will study: 'An Inspector Calls', Spoken Language endorsement, revision booklets. They will have mock exams during the year.

All students are challenged to achieve their full potential and their progress is measured against making 2 levels of progress in each Key Stage. Students that are not achieving this are highlighted at strategic points during the course and a coordinated intervention programme is put in place.