

Teacher of English from January 2022

Thank you for your interest in this post and we look forward to receiving your application.

This is an exciting opportunity for someone to join our school. We are looking for someone who is:

- Passionate about high quality teaching and learning
- Offers inspirational and caring guidance for young people
- Works collaboratively, asks questions and is keen to learn
- An advocate of reading widely

We are seeking someone with the commitment and enthusiasm to be part of a lively, well-managed and successful team. The staff in the English department enjoy their work and strive to deliver interesting and stimulating lessons. There is a supportive climate in which there is much cooperation, resulting in detailed schemes of work and excellent resources.

The successful candidate will be given full support and will be encouraged to engage in further **professional development**, which we believe will benefit both the individual and the school. The successful applicant is likely to be a form tutor. As the school transitioned from being a Local Authority Community School to forming a MAT, a key element was maintaining the full benefit and protection of the **National Pay & Conditions**. Similarly, staff appointed from other academies are not disadvantaged, e.g. by counting service towards sick pay and maternity leave. The school takes a constructive approach towards Performance Management & Appraisal and Pay Progression and offers many opportunities for career development through paid responsibilities.

This document contains information about the department and the person specification. Separately, there is:

- overview information about the school, including extracts from the January 2019 Ofsted report
- A selection of staff stories highlighting the career opportunities available in the school
- The main school and 6th form prospectus

Applicants should submit the Application Form and a letter of application, which should not normally exceed two sides. A curriculum vitae is not necessary, as all relevant information should be included on the application form or in the letter.

Visit our website www.ashcombe.surrey.sch.uk for information about the school.

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any successful applicant will be required to undertake an Enhanced Disclosure check by the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)

Candidates selected for interview will be informed by telephone. We do not generally contact candidates who are not shortlisted.

Thank you for taking the time to complete your application.

Current Information on the English Department

Introduction

The department is keen to develop further the academic successes which have been gained by the pupil's right across the ability range, including a number of students going on to study at degree level at Oxbridge and other universities.

Courses and grouping arrangements

Year	Course & materials	Lesson allocation*	Grouping
7	KS3 course following schemes of work devised within the dept.	3	Mixed – tutor groups
8		2	Mixed – tutor groups
9		2	Setted – Two set levels meaning there is still a range of abilities in each.
10 & 11	KS4 AQA GCSE courses in English and English Literature.	3	Setted – Year group split into two bands, with five classes in each band. There are two set levels and so the classes have a range of ability levels.
6 th form	English A level: OCR Classics A Level: OCR Media Studies A level: AQA	L6: 4 U6: 3½	All classes are mixed ability.
	English one year / retake	1	One class

* out of 20 x 70 minute lessons per week

Texts Studied

Year Group	Texts
7	Adventure Unit: including Harry Potter by J.K. Rowling Gothic Unit: including Uncle Montague's Tales of Terror by J.B. Priestley Elizabethan Unit: including a selection of extracts from Elizabethan writers
8	Victorian Unit: including Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde by Robert Louis Stevenson Journalism Unit: a creative writing unit in which each class will write their own newspaper Dystopian Unit: including Animal Farm by George Orwell
9	Culture, Race and Identity unit: including To Kill a Mockingbird by Love unit: A Midsummer Night's Dream by William Shakespeare Society unit: including either Lord of the Flies by William Golding, or Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck
GCSE AQA Literature and Language	Poetry Unit: Conflict and Power A Christmas Carol by <i>Charles Dickens</i> An Inspector Calls by <i>J.B. Priestley</i> Unseen Poetry The Merchant of Venice by <i>William Shakespeare</i> Language Unit
English Y12&13	Normal People by Sally Rooney (coursework) A Streetcar Named Desire by Tennessee Williams (coursework) Mean Time by Carol Ann Duffy (coursework) A Doll's House by Henrik Ibsen The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood Measure for Measure by William Shakespeare 1984 by George Orwell

Staffing

Nearly all of the staff in the English Department are English specialists, teaching the full age and ability range, including A-level.

Head of Department	Caroline Petrie
2 i/c & KS4 Co-ordinator	Louise Murphy
Full-time teachers	Sarah Thomas Amy Bland Katie Wintle Ruby Cooper Preston Payne
Part-time teachers (or full-time, but based in other Depts.)	Carly O'Toole Katie Palmer Bex Hipple Kerry Sheffield

Accommodation

All main school English lessons take place in departmental rooms. Three of the rooms are in a corridor of the 'original building' (R6, R7, R9), five are in a corridor of the extension (R15, R16, R17, R18, R19) and two are in the sixth form block (S2, S4). There is a small departmental office with two desks and a small seating area. Staff are also able to work in the Ranmore staff work area with members of all departments from around the school. R11 has 32-networked computers (which can also be used as desks) for the use of English and Media Studies classes.

Teacher of English (MPS) - Person Specification

In selecting candidates for interview and eventual selection, the Governors will be looking for teachers with relevant education, experience, job related knowledge, aptitudes and skills, and many of the personal qualities listed below. The Governors welcome applications from teachers who consider that they could meet most, if not all, of the requirements listed.

EDUCATION / QUALIFICATIONS

- Qualified teacher status
- First degree or equivalent in English or related subject
- Evidence of continuing professional development

EXPERIENCE

- Either successful progress on PGCE course (or equiv. training scheme) or in a teaching post.
- An excellent record of attendance and punctuality

JOB RELATED KNOWLEDGE, APTITUDE AND SKILLS

The curriculum:

- Commitment to the comprehensive ideal and to equal opportunities
- The knowledge and vision to put these into practice in order to meet current and future challenges within the English area
- A keen interest in children as individuals and in how they learn
- A keen interest in developing International and European links and curricular aspects

Contribution to the Department

- An ability to teach the full age range 11-18 in the subject
- An ability to contribute to the coherence, effective planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the English development plans within the school development plan
- A commitment to the development of a collaborative approach to decision-making, implementation and evaluation of the work in the department
- A commitment to using a wide range of teaching and learning styles to suit the needs of a comprehensive intake
- An ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing
- A willingness to use or acquire relevant I.T. skills for administration purposes and to enhance the teaching of English

PERSONAL QUALITIES

- Confidence, imagination and drive; flexibility and adaptability
- A sense of humour and perspective
- A capacity for hard work, the ability to manage its pressures and the ability to be self-critical
- An ability to establish good working relationships with a wide range of people including students, parents, governors and colleagues