



WELCOME TO THE ENGLISH FACULTY AT TUPTON HALL

1. Join a large, vibrant, and supportive team.

There are sixteen teachers that make up the English Faculty with both experienced and more newly qualified teachers. The Faculty workroom provides an invaluable base where teaching ideas and approaches can be shared and administrative matters organised.

2. Join a department committed to ensuring all students make excellent progress.

English is a core subject at the heart of many other academic disciplines; we understand that it is essential we teach our students the literacy skills which allow them to communicate and interact with the world around them, both at school and in their everyday lives and we value close links with school's excellent library.

However, the English Faculty also recognise that English is a multi-disciplinary subject encompassing the study of language, drama, speaking and listening, writing, reading, media and ICT. We are committed to offering students a stimulating learning environment which captures the enthusiasm and enjoyment of English we feel. This is reflected in the variety of extra-curricular activities we offer, such as theatre trips and performances in school; half term GCSE revision workshops; KS5 Media Studies trips; a Year 7 poetry reading competition and study days at various Universities.

However, from Year 9 we run 'Foundation Skills' and 'Stretch and Challenge' groups to support differentiation.

3. Join a Faculty committed to the improvement of teaching and learning.

We take an active role in progressing whole school initiatives, such as engaging students with feedback and improving the presentation of student work using 'Strive for five'. We are well-resourced in terms of ICT; teachers have access to visualisers, a laptop trolley and ICT suite. We are also active users of social media to engage students, such as through our Twitter accounts @THSEnglishDept and @THSMediaStudies. We share good practice informally and formally, through a weekly sharing good practice briefing.

For each year group there is a common curriculum structure which outlines what the class should be taught and when topics should be delivered, as well as common reading, writing and speaking and listening assessment tasks. However, the Faculty very much believes in allowing specialist English teachers the flexibility to teach in a way they feel is appropriate for their own expertise and the needs of their individual class.

4. Join a group of successful and ambitious teachers.

The English Faculty's success is clearly evident in the strength of our Key Stage 5 courses: English Language, English Literature and Media Studies. We currently teach AQA Specification B English Language and English Literature and OCR Media Studies. Our GCSE results have steadily improved too over the past three years (pre CAGS) specifically in English Language and we have a number of examination markers in the faculty who can share their expertise.

5. Join us on the next exciting phase of our developmentThis is a key Faculty with a truly comprehensive range of abilities, but with a strong sense of identity. Whilst our work demands energy and commitment, there are many rewards for teachers willing to contribute to the next exciting phase of our development.