

## THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT AT KINGDOWN

The English Department consists of 15 members of staff who are passionate about the teaching of English. We are a very friendly and enthusiastic department who aim to deliver high quality lessons in a positive, but well-disciplined environment. The success of the department is due to the high expectations placed upon pupils and staff and the exceptional teamwork that is evident on a daily basis.

Working as a team is an important feature of the department's practice. It is our aim that each teacher of English, whether full-time or part-time, and to whatever level of seniority, will feel able to contribute resources and share good practice.

The department structure currently is:

Curriculum Leader & Head of Department  
2<sup>nd</sup> in Department (i/c KS4):  
i/c KS3 English:  
i/c Literacy:

Kirsty Honeysett  
Katie Pope  
Alice Elliott  
Deb Thomas

Other members of the department are encouraged to take on responsibilities to enhance their professional development. These include such things as: mentoring, trips and visits, gifted and talented students, SEN students and data analysis. The opportunities are endless.

The majority of English teaching takes place in the English Block in which each department member has their own room. The rooms are well-furnished with PC, projector and whiteboard, and decoration is of a high standard. There is an excellent resource room, with kitchenette and well-stocked biscuit barrel! Upstairs is an attractive, comfortable Learning Resources Centre. Working conditions are therefore excellent and enable English teachers to keep closely in touch and share ideas.

### Key Stage 3

Students in Year 7,8 and 9 have seven lessons a fortnight. Students have one lesson a week of Literacy teaching, which has links to whole school Literacy. Schemes of work and planning at KS3 are outstanding, resulting in high levels of motivation and attainment.

### Key Stage 4

All students are entered for AQA English Language and Literature, and study Macbeth, Power and Conflict Poetry, Jekyll and Hyde/A Christmas Carol and An Inspector Calls for Literature. Pupils are entered for both Literature and Language in Year 11.

### Key Stage 5

At A -Level we offer the following courses: AQA English Literature A, AQA English Language and Literature and OCR Film Studies.

### Overall

The English Department is a very good department, aiming to become outstanding. We have a sensible approach to marking and feedback, and staff well-being is extremely important. This supportive approach has created a happy, fulfilled and valued team, who are reflective and strive for excellent practice.