

ALLESTREE WOODLANDS SCHOOL

English Faculty

The English Faculty at Allestree Woodlands School is currently led by a Faculty Director, and a Curriculum Manager. The English team consists of ten English specialists including a Literacy Co-ordinator.

Our department has a suite of eight rooms in the main school which are used to deliver lessons across Key Stages Three, Four and Five. At Key Stage Three, the Department has taken a lead role in developing new curriculum frameworks to reflect extensive changes to our incoming students' Key Stage Two experience and the new challenges posed by the new GCSE and A Level courses. Feedback from our chosen exam board (AQA) has consistently praised our robust moderation process, imaginative task setting and the breadth of engaging and perceptive work we enable our students to produce. The faculty prides itself on taking a pro-active approach in continuously developing programmes of study for the GCSEs and A Levels.

At GCSE level, we have nine groups in Year 11 and eight groups in Year 10. All students are entered for Language and Literature. In 2020, outcomes for Language and Literature were 77% and 80%, respectively, achieving at least an 'Acceptable Pass' (Grade 4) and 56% and 61%, respectively, achieving at least a 'Strong Pass' (Grade 5). The faculty's Progress score was +0.08.

There is a high level of uptake of English at A level. Every other student in the Sixth Form takes an English course. Currently, we have two English Language and two English Literature groups in year 12. In 2019, we achieved 100% pass rates in both Language and Literature. 59% of Language students achieved A* to C grades whilst in Literature 64% achieved A* to C grades.

We have established very strong links with both the University of Nottingham and Nottingham Trent University. The English Department has a central ambition to be a training and development centre. Professional development for all colleagues is a priority. A series of trainee teachers have been successfully introduced to teaching at Allestree Woodlands School, several of whom have gone on to take up posts with us. We also have an established NQT programme. Young teachers frequently gain rapid promotion from the Allestree Woodlands English team to other schools.

This post offers the opportunity to become part of an extremely successful team of highly motivated and enthusiastic English teachers. The successful candidate may be expected to teach both English Language and English Literature to A level. We are looking forward to appointing a dedicated, well-qualified English teacher who can make a positive contribution to a successful Department which continues to enable students to fulfil their potential.