

Our English Department is strongly staffed by a group of eleven full time and part time English specialists. They all bring a good deal of time, energy and commitment to our students and our teaching. Their main aim is to facilitate the success and progress of the students in their care, always endeavouring to promote the love of the subject they themselves have. There is an enthusiasm and a willingness to develop new approaches, resources and ideas.

As a team we aim to provide interesting, appropriate, challenging and effective courses across the age and ability range. We aim to know our students well, identifying and targeting their particular needs. Our main priority this year has been developing and improving our delivery of Key Stage 3 Literacy skills, implementing a basic skills course in Year 7, introducing the THRASS spelling programme across the lower school and embedding grammar knowledge and skills in our teaching to enhance the quality of pupil's writing. At Key Stage 4, we have focused on improving pupils' retention of knowledge and skills and their approaches to revision, to ensure effective preparation for recently introduced terminal examinations at GCSE.

Pupils have three or four hours of English each week at Key Stages 3 and 4. At GCSE we offer AQA English and English Literature where groups are setted. We also offer Drama as a GCSE option. The Learning Support Department works closely with us and in recent years a lot of work has been done in preparing lower school students for the challenge of GCSE. At AS and A2 we offer English Literature and English Language as discrete subjects. Exam results are consistently strong at AS and A2 and at GCSE around 80% of our pupils achieved a grade 4 or above in Language and the same in Literature in the 2017 round of examinations.

The Department is housed in a main block of five classrooms with additional classrooms at the outer reaches of neighbouring teaching blocks. J-Block Hall offers more space for Drama lessons and extra curricular dramatic ventures. It is also possible to book rooms and netbooks for IT based lessons. We are adequately stocked with resources and equipment and there are good links with the school library, run by Fiona Hardy, who is responsible for our Year 7 library course as well as developing links with the school library service.

We are looking for someone to teach Years 7–11 (all abilities) with opportunities at “A” level depending on qualifications and experience. We're looking to appoint someone who has strong team work skills, who cares about the subject and who cares about teaching. The successful candidate will need to be reflective about their own skills, be prepared to learn and improve as a teacher and be prepared to share with and contribute to the work of the team. There will be plenty of scope to develop interests, enthusiasms and initiatives.

Thank you for your interest.