

ENGLISH FACULTY

This successful and experienced faculty comprises nine specialist English teachers. It is based in a suite of 10 rooms, most of which are adjacent to the school Library.

Students throughout Key Stages 3 and 4 are taught in mixed ability groups. Where appropriate, students are supported in class by Learning Support Assistants.

We teach an original, rich, and innovative curriculum, offering students breadth, diversity and depth. Everything we teach is designed to nurture a love of literature and reading, and provide the basis for citizenship in the 21st century. We are not an “exam factory”.

During Key Stage 3, students explore literature from ancient myths and legends through to modernism and post-modernism. We strongly believe that we recruit our future A Level students by making English their favourite subject at Key Stage 3. Our Key Stage 4 curriculum is organised thematically, with literature texts enriched with “sideways” reading that develops English Language skills in parallel with English Literature (AQA exam board).

At Key Stage 5 we teach A Levels in English Literature (AQA, Spec A) and English Language and Literature (OCR).

We are certain that reading is the answer to the question *how can I improve in English?* Students across all key stages are encouraged to explore our diverse and exciting reading lists as a way of deepening their subject knowledge. The school library stock is built around the reading homework set by the English Faculty.

There are opportunities to contribute to extra-curricular activities and other aspects of school life. Members of the faculty may be involved through drama, major productions, public speaking, and theatre trips.

Members of the faculty are expected to teach across the range of age and ability and to play a full part in all aspects of faculty work. All members of the faculty are encouraged to pursue their particular interests and contribute to the further development of the faculty.