

THE ENGLISH FACULTY

The English Faculty is a collaborative and forward-thinking department filled with passionate and dedicated practitioners.

INTRODUCTION

We believe that English holds a unique and vital role in shaping the lives of our learners, and we are dedicated to raising the attainment and progress of every student. We foster a positive, inclusive, and supportive environment for both staff and students, working together to ensure consistency across the faculty. Our shared vision enables all students to make meaningful progress and cultivates a love for learning that lasts a lifetime.

CURRICULUM

Our diverse and challenging curriculum exposes students to the most influential ideas from some of the greatest minds. Carefully designed to build on prior knowledge, it strengthens students' understanding of key concepts and vocabulary from Year 7 through to Year 11. At Key Stage 3, students explore a broad range of texts—from Charles Dickens to Alice Walker—laying a strong academic foundation for success at GCSE and beyond. We follow the AQA specification for both GCSE English Language and GCSE English Literature at Key Stage 4.

Reading and writing sit at the heart of our teaching, with a wide range of assessment strategies, including comparative judgement, used to support every student in achieving their full potential. At Key Stage 3, we use No More Marking to ensure consistent and accurate assessment of students' written work.

THE DEPARTMENT

We are proud to work collaboratively with the English TCAT Trust, sharing best practices and resources to enhance teaching and learning. To further support student progress, we use Century Software and Sparx Reader for homework, providing personalised learning pathways and fostering independent study habits.

The Faculty Leader oversees four TLR post-holders responsible for Quality Assurance, Student Progress Key Stages 3 and 4, ensuring cohesive leadership across all key stages. Our team of fifteen English specialists, including a Higher-Level Teaching Assistant, is dedicated to supporting the academic progress and personal growth of every student.



USEFUL LINKS



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