

The English department consists of 2 full-time and 3 part-time members of staff with a variety of experiences and strengths. The department has 4 rooms which are fitted with interactive screens. There is an extensive stock of texts, readers and resources. We believe English is vital for communicating with others and is fundamental to learning in all curriculum subjects. Activities in English lessons should enable pupils to become successful learners who enjoy learning, make progress and achieve their best. We encourage our students to develop into confident individuals who make positive contributions in a variety of ways.

In Year 7 we use a variety of non-fiction and contemporary fiction with different class readers, a range of poetry and drama texts. In Year 8 pupils continue their study of a range of contemporary fiction, non-fiction and media material and examples of the English literary heritage. In Year 9 many of the tasks covered relate to the GCSE Subject Specifications. During the course of the year pupils will study 19th Century non-fiction, a Shakespeare text, fiction and contemporary drama as well as stories and poems from the English literary heritage. Year 9 also focus on narrative styles, transactional writing, media terms and language devices.

Every pupil completes an end of year examination to confirm progress made during the year and indicate target areas for the future. Opportunities for drafting, ICT work and Speaking and Listening activities take place throughout each year.

GCSE - At present we use the Eduqas subject specifications for GCSE English and GCSE English Literature. Everyone is entered for both subjects and current set texts include 'Macbeth', 'Romeo and Juliet', 'An Inspector Calls' and 'A Christmas Carol'. We film all the GCSE presentations at the end of Y10 and encourage GCSE students to use the GCSE pod.

A Level - We offer both the AQA courses of Combined English Language and Literature as well as English Literature at A Level. We have eight lessons, per subject, per week.

At present A Level English Literature candidates study the set poetry anthology, 'The Great Gatsby' and 'Othello' as paper 1. The combined course includes 'Frankenstein', Donne's poetry and the set AQA anthology.

Details of examination performance and programmes of study can be found on the School Website.