



## **English Department**

**'I read, I write, I become.'**

The English Department currently comprises 14 teachers and one specialist HLTA. We have a strong team ethos, priding ourselves on our consistency of approach and sharing of good practice and resources to ensure the progress of the students. This has led to consistently strong results at both GCSE and A Level.

We have a purpose built English block which comprises a suite of English teaching rooms and a Drama Studio. All of the rooms are equipped with multimedia projectors, visualisers and interactive whiteboards, as well as access to chromebooks.

We work to a two-year Key Stage 3 curriculum. The department has written its own schemes of work with a focus on challenge and covering texts from different cultures and traditions. These are matched to the curriculum and build on the work done at Key Stage 2, which draw on both the good practice and expertise within the department. We focus on developing and applying the key skills from the GCSE assessment criteria to KS3 work, while also making time in lessons for a focus on reading, creativity, imagination and enjoyment of the subject.

These skills are then consolidated from Year 9 onwards where all Key Stage 4 students follow the AQA Examination Board Specification in both Language and Literature. A particular focus here is on refining and developing the students' analytical writing through supporting them to form their own ideas and opinions about the texts studied. Through this we aim to give each student the confidence to explore less obvious interpretations.

English Literature has always been a popular choice at A level. Post-16 students follow AQA Specification B. The department also offers Eduqas Media Studies at A level.

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