

English Department

John Colet Humanities College

"John Colet provides its students with a good quality of education"

"Many of the important features are good, and some outstanding"

"Students and staff feel a strong sense of community and pride in the school"

John Colet is a school with "a strong sense of purpose"

"The school's culture is one where achievement is celebrated by all"
(OFSTED December 2010)

The English Department currently comprises 7 full time and two part time specialists. Several members of the department hold TLRs both within and beyond the department. We have a strong team ethos and pride ourselves on our consistency of approach and sharing of good practice. We are, therefore, looking for a subject specialist who is willing to contribute to the department, enjoys being part of a team and is enthusiastic about delivery of the new specifications introduced last September.

English is one of the lead departments within the Humanities College Status. As a result of achieving that status in 2009, the department was extensively refurbished in terms of resources, a bank of 30 laptops, furniture and storage facilities. Since that time, a purpose built English block has been constructed. This comprises a suite of English teaching rooms, complete with state-of-the-art technology, a Sixth Form seminar room, common room and ICT room and a new drama studio.

All the rooms are equipped with multimedia projectors and interactive whiteboards. In addition, the main suite of rooms has access to a further bank of laptops. There are two offices providing both dedicated workspace and storage for the large number of excellent resources shared by the department.

Our current Key Stage 3 results are consistently above national average and we have implemented the new two-year Key Stage 3 curriculum with the current Years 7 and 8. The department has written its own schemes of work, matched to the National Curriculum and which draw on both the good practice and expertise within the department. We are working on developing and applying APP criteria to KS3 work with increasing success. We have also recently introduced one drama lesson a fortnight for Years 7/8.

Since September 2010, all Key Stage 4 students have followed the new AQA Specification in both Language and Literature with a small number of students

being entered for Language only at the end of the course. We also offer AQA Drama at GCSE.

English is a popular choice at AS/A2 level and post-16 students follow AQA Specification B. The department also offers WJEC Film Studies at AS/A2 and AQA Communication Studies at AS/A2.

John Colet School Results from 2010 are as follows:

GCSE Results

English Language A*-C 76.0% (Boys: 69.0%; Girls: 83.3%)

English Literature A*-C 72.5% (Boys: 68.5%; Girls: 76.3%)

GCE Results

	A*-B	A*-C	A*-E
AS English Literature	38.1%	57.1%	100.0%
A2 English Literature	27.3%	54.5%	100.0%

We have very good links with Oxford Brookes and have had regular and successful PGCE placements.

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