

English Department



2018 Exam results

GCSE

	9-4
English Language	70.6%
English Literature	78%
	9-4
Drama	50%

GCE

	A*-C	A*-E
A2 English Literature	85.7%	100%
A2 Film studies	50%	100%
A2 Communication and Culture	100%	100%

The English Department currently comprises 11 teachers, one specialist HLTA and one LSA. We have a strong team ethos and pride 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 over the past 4 years.

We have a purpose built English block. This comprises a suite of English teaching rooms, complete with state-of-the-art technology, a Sixth Form Study Room and a Drama Studio.

All the rooms are equipped with multimedia projectors and interactive whiteboards. In addition, all rooms have access to a class set of Chromebooks.

We work to a two-year Key Stage 3 curriculum. The department has written its own schemes of work, matched to the new curriculum which draw on both the good practice and expertise within the department. We continue to work on developing and applying the new assessment criteria to KS3 work with increasing success, while also making time in lessons for a focus on reading and promoting enjoyment of the subject. We include one drama lesson a fortnight for Years 7/8.

All Key Stage 4 students follow the AQA Examination Board Specification in both Language and Literature. We also offer OCR Drama as an option at GCSE.

English Literature has always been a popular choice at A level. Post-16 students follow AQA Specification A. The department also offers WJEC Film Studies at A2 for the final time this year and Eduqas Media Studies.

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