English Department

There are currently 13 members of staff in the department with one Subject Leader for English and one Assistant Subject Leader. Teachers may be required to teach both English Language and English Literature.

KS3 (Years 7-9)
Key Stage Three students get 8 hours of English per fortnight, including 1 hour of reading in the school library each month. Across three years, pupils study a range of novels, plays and poems, as well as time reading and writing non-fiction texts suitable for a variety of purposes and audiences.

KS4 (Years 10-11)
Each class in Year 10-11 is split into English Language and English Literature, taught as separate subjects; this means that all KS4 classes are taught by both an English Language and an English Literature teacher. Classes are set by ability, with class sizes ranging from 15-30. Pupils start the GCSE course in Year 10 and have 8 x 1 hour lessons per fortnight. We follow the AQA Syllabus for GCSE English Language and Literature. Our current GCSE Literature texts are Macbeth, An Inspector Calls, A Christmas Carol and The Power and Conflict poetry anthology.

KS5
Key Stage 5 provision is currently 9 x 1 hour lessons per 2-week cycle. The department offers A level English Language, Literature, and Media Studies.

Topics studied at A level English Language are: Textual Variations and Representations, Children's Language Development, Language Diversity and Change, Language Discourses, as well a Non-Examined assessment unit.

Topics studied at A Level English Literature are: Aspects of Tragedy, including the study of King Lear and Death of a Salesman; Elements of Crime Writing, including the study of Hamlet, Rime of the Ancient Mariner and Atonement; Independent Critical Analysis of a text.

Topics studied at A Level Media Studies are: Introduction to Media Language and Representation; Media products, Industries and Audiences; Cross Media production; Magazines: Mainstream and Alternative Media; Media in the Online Age; Television in the Global Age.