



TEACHER OF ENGLISH

We are looking to appoint a teacher of English to teach the subject to KS3 and KS5, with the potential for KS4, from September 2024. The teaching commitment for the position is approximately 0.6.

The department is part of the Languages and Performing Arts Faculty and shares many links with the Drama department in particular. Collaborative working is encouraged in a productive and professional environment where you can focus fully on high quality teaching and learning. As all pupils study both English Language and English Literature from Year 7 to Year 11 and both English Language and English Literature are popular subjects at A level; we welcome an enthusiastic and creative approach to teaching, which inspires pupils and enables learning to be engaging and relevant.

The subject is carefully structured to enable progression. Each of the KS3 years covers a variety of Language and Literature topics with a focus on the skills they will need to access GCSE and beyond. In Year 7, pupils will study a selection of Dahl's short stories; the novel 'Skellig'; the play 'Our Day Out'; an introduction to poetic forms and techniques; and a non-fiction writing scheme focusing on clarity of expression. In Year 8, this is followed by a study of Gothic fiction; the novel 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas'; a study of non-fiction text types; poetry from other cultures; Shakespeare's 'Much Ado About Nothing'; and learning about language. Finally, Year 9 covers approaches to analysing poetry; Steinbeck's 'Of Mice and Men'; a study of Shakespeare's women; and a transitional unit to the GCSE's non-fiction text types. This challenging approach encourages all pupils to engage critically with the subject and sets high expectations for all.

At GCSE, English Language and English Literature are taught separately by subject specialists. English Literature teaching follows the AQA specification and English Language the Eduqas specification. However, this is a new exam board for us, as of this academic year and, therefore, any pupils needing to resit their English Language GCSE will follow the Edexcel specification. We are extremely lucky to have an Eduqas examiner in the department who shares her expertise and knowledge with English staff; one of the strengths of the Languages and Performing Arts faculty is its focus on sharing good practice and this is just one of many examples of how we achieve this.

At A level, we offer the OCR English Language specification and Edexcel English Literature specification and, as with GCSE, both subjects are taught by subject specialists. Students are encouraged to follow their own passions and interests when it comes to coursework, a personalised approach which is possible because of our small class sizes. Perhaps as a result, English is a popular choice for those going onto university; we pride ourselves on preparing our girls for their next steps from the moment they enter an English classroom in Year 7.

A commitment to active participation in a busy programme of extra curricular activities is expected in this flourishing school.