

Department Information

The department currently has four full time English specialists who have a range of subject strengths and there are additional staff who contribute to the teaching and learning within the subject. The department provides high quality learning opportunities in a wide variety of topics including media, poetry, fiction and non-fiction.

Results in English have been consistent and increased steadily over the last few years. In the last academic year (2013-2014) we achieved impressive results of 74% A*-C within the subject which follows 3 previous years of 70%+ within the subject. GCSE students study a total of three subjects in English lessons; English Language, English Literature and our *new GCSE Media Studies* course.

Teachers within the department are enthusiastic and highly committed to the progress of all students. Along with the teaching staff, our Teaching Assistants and Library Manager play an important role in the organisation and success of our department within the school.

We teach in four fully equipped classrooms and have use of our library, which provides a vibrant, learning area. The library is the heart of our department and each KS3 class spends one lesson per week in the library. As a department we make full use of netbooks and interactive whiteboards. Our texts and resources are extremely current and appeal to all learners. The Key Stage 3 scheme of work has recently been enhanced to offer learners access to a variety of texts, skills and media as well as challenge them and prepare them for the their GCSE. GCSE students are pushed and supported where necessary (through classroom and extra-curricular opportunities) to cement understanding and ensure that they can be the best they can be.