

English Department



2017 Exam results

GCSE

	9-4
English Language	87%
English Literature	86%
	A*-C
Drama	57%

GCE

	A*-B	A*-C	A*-E
A2 English Literature	28.6%	64.3%	100%
A2 Film studies	50%	100%	100%
A2 Communication and Culture	55.6%	100%	100%

The English Department currently comprises 7 full time specialists, two part time specialists and one specialist HLTA. 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.

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 seminar room, common room and Study Room and a 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.

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. We also 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 AS/A2 and AQA Communication and Culture at AS/A2, with AQA Media Studies being introduced for the academic year 2017-18.

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