



THE BARCLAY SCHOOL

English Faculty

The English Faculty (including Film Studies) is a thriving curriculum area which is currently undergoing a period of rapid improvement since the new senior leadership team arrived in January 2017. Currently under the strategic leadership of the Acting Deputy Headteacher, the department is staffed by a committed and passionate team of English specialists who have high expectations and a strong team ethos, working well together to secure the very best outcomes for our current examination students. Although we recognise that there is much to do to improve standards, we have adopted a powerful collaborative approach that we hope you will be interested in joining.

We teach in dedicated English classrooms with a PC / projector system; we also have a wireless system throughout the school which allows us to create opportunities for independent learning and project research in every classroom. The school has new and effective ICT infrastructure, a FROG VLE and the ability for staff and students to use a VDI solution to connect to their work and folders remotely.

English lessons are so vital to our students to provide a sound base to their learning that they can take to other curriculum areas. The appropriate training and professional development is facilitated for all staff to help them achieve good and outstanding lessons. Students are in mixed ability groups at year 7 then set higher up the school depending on their ability. Resources in every lesson are differentiated for the educational needs of each student so they can reach their potential and at the same time, challenge them for achieving higher.

Our curriculum is designed to engage and inspire. Students study a variety of texts that cover a huge range of topics and genre but 'the novel' is at the heart of our curriculum. We believe that novels offer students to learn about other people and cultures; novels create discussion and force us to ask challenging questions about ourselves and society. Great novels can inspire creativity and support good writing skills, all core values of our department.

In Key Stage 3 students are expected to continue the excellent skills and techniques learnt at primary school extending their work to write more complex pieces following the study of texts and poetry.

In Key Stage 4 we study English Language and English Literature to GCSE

At Key Stage 5 we offer English Literature

We aim to enrich the English experience with theatre trips and activity days. Previous theatre trips have included 'The Women in Black' and a 'Murder Mystery Day'.