

SBC/ET  
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### TEACHER OF ENGLISH

At present the English Department comprises nine members of staff. Years 7 and 8 being taught in loosely banded groups, with small special needs classes, and Year 9 being taught in more formalised sets. GCSE pupils follow the AQA specification A for English Language and English Literature and a few pupils are entered for Entry Level. There are eleven teaching sets at KS4. At KS5 A level pupils study English Literature for AQA A specification and Media Studies for Welsh Board. Take up is healthy in both these subjects and at present there are two Literature sets and one Media set in each of the Sixth Form years. Examination performance is outstanding at all levels due to the dedication, expertise and enthusiasm of staff and application of the majority of the pupils.

Extra-curricular activities are seen as very important in the Department. Pupils of all ages take part in public speaking competitions, many writing competitions are entered and theatre/film trips occur regularly. Reading groups exist at KS3 and KS5.

In the recent OFSTED and LA Inspections, the Department was described as 'outstanding' for teaching and learning, and leadership and management.

A hallmark of the Department is its ability to work together and share resources. There is also a healthy attitude to Performance Management and Department Meetings include a regular teaching and learning agenda item which sees staff sharing their teaching approaches and sampling pupils' work.

Special Educational Needs are met by increasing the number of English classes to two more than the number of forms of entry for that particular cohort. In the early years the Special Needs Department assists in the teaching while in the later years this teaching is catered for within the department.

#### Department Examination Results

		2015	2016	2017	2018
GCSE Language	A* - C	78.9%	76.9%	85% (9-4)	81.5% (9-4)
GCSE Literature	A* - C	88.9%	90.3%	83% (9-4)	84.2% (9-4)
A Level	A* - E	100%	100%	100%	100%
	A* - B	84.6%	95.2%	90.5%	76.5%

The closing date for the receipt of completed application forms is **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2019** at 12.00 midday.

Thank you for your interest in this post.