

ST. OLAVE'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL

The English Department

English and Drama is an exciting, innovative Faculty that makes an essential contribution to the academic and extracurricular life of St. Olave's. There are currently four full time teachers and two part time. The Faculty has four dedicated English classrooms, equipped with interactive whiteboard facilities, and a drama studio. The successful applicant will be allocated their own teaching room, and be expected to teach students in each Key Stage.

Our Faculty aim is to make our students think carefully about the world around them and the factors that have shaped it. We want them to explore different texts and ideas, to develop their empathy and communication skills and to enjoy their learning. At A Level, we follow the OCR English Literature course and at GCSE we follow Edexcel for both Language and Literature. We currently have 45 students in Year 12, and 19 in Year 13. Each set is shared between two teachers at AS and A2, which facilitates the exchange of ideas, and ensures that every member of staff is fully involved in Sixth Form English. We regularly send a number of students to study English at top universities, including Oxford and Cambridge. In the 2018 examinations, 96% of our students achieved A*/B at A level and 84% achieved 7-9 at GCSE.

Beyond academic achievement, the Faculty also plays a full role in other aspects of school life. Recent productions include, 'Les Miserables', 'Oliver!' and a Shakespeare Festival, and we also present an annual show for Black History Month that focuses on the contribution of black artists to Britain. The English Faculty runs a thriving Sixth Form Theatre Society, and runs numerous other trips for all year groups throughout the year, including an annual residential trip to Cambridge University. There are also thriving Public Speaking, Debating and Literature Societies, and we have our own student Poet Laureate. We are open to any new ideas the successful applicant may have.

The post requires enthusiasm for the subject, teaching skills and imagination to make a significant contribution to the Faculty and the school. In return, you can expect the pleasure of working with highly motivated and well behaved students in a successful, supportive and friendly environment, which will offer many opportunities and rewards.

Key Stage 3 classes are taught in forms and follow half-termly schemes of work, embracing a balance of Literature and media texts. We aim to celebrate diversity, offer challenge and inspire enthusiasm in our choice of texts, and there is flexibility for staff to teach what they are passionate about. Each class also has a fortnightly drama lesson.

We look forward to welcoming the successful applicant into the Faculty, and feel confident he or she will enjoy the experience of teaching at St Olave's.