

English Department at Durrington

Durrington High School has a thriving and successful English department staffed by an enthusiastic team with a range of experience. Our vision is for every student to make better than expected progress, whilst fostering a love of the subject. Alongside this, we are constantly seeking ways to develop and improve our own teaching practice, so that we ensure the highest possible outcomes. In essence, we want to be one of the best departments in the county and the country. In order to achieve this we are continuously evaluating our curriculum and our provision, and ensuring that it is pertinent to our students and community. One of our greatest strengths, as a department, is our team work and team spirit. All staff contribute to planning and resourcing lessons and units of work, and our fortnightly Subject Planning & Development meetings support this consistency of approach.

There are currently 15 staff teaching English. In addition to this, 3 TAs specialise within the subject.

The department enters all students for both English Language and English Literature at GCSE, following the Eduqas specifications. In Key stage 4, classes are taught in mixed ability with approximately 23 students per group, apart from 2 top sets of 30 students each, which allows an accelerated programme of challenge for our most able. The department has 14 teaching rooms, with a large shared breakout space, and communal office. All rooms are equipped with computers and projectors, 4 with interactive whiteboards. Recent GCSE results have seen us maintain standards above national averages.

We are looking for a teacher who has extremely high expectations of themselves and others and are seeking to appoint an excellent English specialist who is willing to learn and help our students go beyond their best. In return, you will find us a supportive and warm team, packed with a range of experiences and teaching styles but also receptive to new ideas.

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