



The English Department at Beverley Grammar School

The English department is a hard working, dynamic group of teachers, who have a passion for teaching English. It is made up of nine English Specialists, with the timetable being shared equitably between all members of the department. We have our own staff area and work as a very close-knit team, sharing ideas and supporting each other. We are looking for someone who is eager to join our enthusiastic team.

English is taught in mixed ability form groups in the lower school. In Years 10 and 11 we have block timetabling and this allows us to create our own mixed ability groups. We have 6 GCSE groups from a five-form entry, enabling us to have small groups of about 22 – 23 students.

We enter all students for both AQA GCSE English and English Literature. Drama is offered as a GCSE option. At A Level, we join with our sister school and therefore teach boys and girls. At AS and A2 level, we offer English Literature, English Language, Theatre Studies and Media Studies. The uptake at A Level is very high. We run 3 Literature groups, 2 Language groups, 1 Theatre Studies group and 1 or 2 Media Studies groups per year. Often 50 % or more of the A level students are boys, which reflects the high value that our students place upon our subject!

Our results over the last few years have been exceptionally good and we generally perform significantly above national levels. We regularly achieve over 70 % A* to C at GCSE and over 40 % A to B grades at A level Language, Literature and Theatre Studies. English is one of the most successful and popular subjects within our school.

We pride ourselves on our comprehensive book stock, as we celebrate Literature and use it as a springboard to access all the diverse areas of the English curriculum. Visitors from other schools and advisors have praised our teaching methods, resources and facilities.

We teach in a purpose-built Expressive Arts Block, which consists of five English classrooms, a large drama studio and several music rooms. The department is well equipped with audio-visual resources: all five of the classrooms are equipped with interactive whiteboards, with access to the Internet. We have our own digital camera and digital camcorder, which students may use to record their work.

Drama is well established and is seen as an important and integral part of our English teaching. Theatre Studies at A Level is a popular option, often attracting double figures of students. We run numerous theatre trips and hold regular Drama Performance Evenings.

As a department we work closely with the Learning Support team and we are fortunate to have in-classroom support from volunteers and teachers' aides, as well as specialist withdrawal in the lower school.

We would welcome the addition of an innovative, engaging and passionate teacher to join our dedicated team.

The post is to cover the full range of ability and ages.