



English Department at Helsby High School

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and highly motivated teacher of English.

The department consists of twelve members of staff, ten full time and two part time. There are 11 English classrooms, 6 of these rooms are housed in our new school block and they are equipped with smart screens, whiteboard and visualiser. All the other rooms are equipped with data projectors, whiteboards and visualisers.

All students in KS3 have 8 hours of English across a two week timetable this includes a lesson based in the school library and focused on reading for pleasure as well as reading skills and strategies. All KS3 and KS4 classes are taught in mixed ability groups. KS4 classes will be taught for 8 hours a fortnight with 4 hours for English Language and 4 hours for English Literature. All students are entered for both English Language and English Literature.

We follow the Eduqas course at GCSE and have excellent results in both English Language and English Literature with on average 79% achieving 4+ and 64% achieving 5+ over the last 3 years. In addition to this we offer GCSE Media Studies where our current pass rate for 4+ is 75%. We also offer English Literature, English Language and Media Studies at A Level. Our current pass rate at A Level is 61% of students achieving on average a grade C or above in English Language, English Literature and Media Studies. We have an excellent uptake at A Level.

We run a number of theatre trips and organise a range of activities for students to participate in this includes writing competitions, visits from writers, workshops and clubs.

The English department is highly motivated, achieves good exam results and employs a range of innovative approaches to teaching and learning. Students in the school have an overwhelmingly positive attitude in relation to the English and Media subject areas and have very positive relationships with staff. The opportunity exists to be very creative and to stretch and challenge students of all abilities.

Please visit the English section of the school website for further information and details about the department.

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Department Leader for English