

St Joseph's College
Stoke on Trent

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

The English Department is an extremely successful and dynamic department which was described as 'outstanding' in the most recent Ofsted inspection.

The department is a highly motivated team consisting of eight teachers all of whom have individual roles within the department and/or the whole school. We meet regularly to share good practice and develop forward-thinking strategies. Each teacher is given numerous opportunities to develop their individual potential in an environment that is supportive and caring. Each department member is committed to delivering high quality lessons which utilise a range of teaching and learning strategies to ensure that all our students are consistently challenged to explore their potential in this exciting and creative subject.

We follow the AQA English Language and English Literature specification at GCSE and at A Level we deliver two AQA courses: English Literature and English Language and Literature (both specification A). Each course is enormously popular – there are usually 5 groups taking English at A Level.

The department prides itself on consistently excellent results at all levels. At A Level, results are frequently excellent in both courses with well over half of students achieving A* - B each year. Many students from St Joseph's College go on to study English at University.

Students are encouraged at all key stages to develop skills independently and to monitor and assess their progress carefully. We use a mastery curriculum in key stages 3 and 4 as well as self and peer assessment, to enable staff, parents and students to make progressive judgements about the development of students' skills.

English lessons are taught in six well-equipped classrooms, all containing Promethean boards and visualisers. New texts are regularly purchased to cater for the many interests and needs of students and we are constantly updating our stock of skill-building and assessment resources. The English office and network shared area also house numerous resources to which all members of the department contribute in order to share ideas and maintain flexible, dynamic schemes of work.

We are looking for someone to join the English department who has both the desire and experience to help us develop and keep up to date with modern ideas and innovations. You must however share our determination to maintain high standards, be prepared to make a contribution, have high expectations and be hard working.