



BROUGHTON HALL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

English Department Details

The English Department at Broughton Hall Catholic High School consists of eleven subject specialists, who work tirelessly to provide the best possible learning experience for our students.

We have eight full time and three part-time teachers, who deliver English to all year groups in the 11-18 age range.

Intervention sessions are currently provided by two members of the department, targeting Y11 students and providing extra support in the run-up to their examinations. This is a rolling programme of intensive exam-skills sessions, preparing selected students for the demands of the four English examinations they sit at the end of their GCSE course.

Our aim is to develop resilient learners through engaging and interactive lessons. We encourage interactive lessons where students discuss their ideas and compare ideas/interpretations.

We encourage pupils to access online resources to further their understanding of key concepts within the study of English, as well as accessing information about the texts we analyse.

Programmes of study are divided into a two-year KS3 and three-year KS4.

- In Year 7, pupils are taught in mixed ability groups across half year bands and have four one-hour lessons each week.
 - In Year 8, pupils are currently set by ability in half year bands and have three one-hour lessons each week.
 - In Year 9, pupils are taught in ability sets and have three one-hour lessons each week.
 - In Years 10 and 11, pupils are taught in ability sets and have four one-hour lessons each week.
- The recently revised schemes of work include all the objectives of the reformed AQA GCSE for Language and Literature, and is reviewed regularly.

At KS5 pupils currently follow the AQA specification for Language and Literature (Specification A for Literature). Sixth Form students are encouraged to become independent, critical thinkers, with a huge emphasis on inspiring their own interpretations of course content.

Through the school's Literacy coordinator, we endeavour to offer pupils a wealth of experience beyond the classroom. We have offered a range of reading and writing competitions in recent years and have taken an active role in local activities such as the Soroptimist Speech competition.

Through a carefully planned curriculum and with our support, encouragement and guidance, we want every pupil to find enjoyment and success as they make their way to the next stage of their lives, using the skills they develop in their time at Broughton Hall Catholic High School.

Director of Learning for English

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