



The Chantry English Department

Information for candidates

English at The Chantry is taught by a strong and experienced team with a clear focus on outstanding pupil achievement. Great importance is placed upon the quality of teaching and learning. We have high expectations of our pupils, and we aim to inspire all our learners to succeed in becoming proficient and assured users of language.

Our purpose is to provide the kind of high-quality education which is a prerequisite to lifelong learning. In the English department, we understand the key role which English has in each child's holistic development. We want our pupils to love coming to English, and to leave us ready to embrace their future as confident communicators in the world beyond school. We believe that enjoyment and passion are key to successful learning, and we want to create an enthusiasm for all aspects of English among our learners.

The English team embraces change, which is a natural part of the subject and the wider educational climate in which we work. We plan and review our curriculum collaboratively, drawing on the individual strengths of the English staff.

Our curriculum

In Year 7 pupils are currently taught in mixed ability groups and we follow the ARK Mastery Curriculum. This will progress into Year 8 in the next academic year. Pupils will be set according to ability from Year 9 onwards. Throughout Key Stage Three, pupils focus on improving their knowledge and skills by exploring a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts of incremental complexity, sophistication and challenge. Written work is produced for a wide range of purposes and audiences. Where possible, pupils are encouraged to communicate using real-world contexts.

At Key Stage Four, all pupils follow the AQA English Language and English Literature 8700 series specifications. Courses are taught in an integrated way. The study of English Literature texts begins in the final term of Year 9 to allow for revisiting and embedding of deep textual knowledge, coupled with the development of analytical and creative skills.

Enrichment

There are many opportunities for pupils to enrich their learning by taking part in a range of extra-curricular activities. Most recently, we took Year 8 to see a performance of Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men" at Malvern Theatre and we have invited a visiting theatre company into school to perform "A Christmas Carol" for Year 9, 10 and 11 pupils in December 2023. Members of the English team have been involved in the direction of the school's two dramatic and musical productions this year and we enjoy working closely with our school librarian to promote reading across the school.

I hope this gives you a flavour of our department. If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the school. We always welcome visits from interested candidates.

Ms A Bates, (Head of English)

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