

English Department



The English department at Ashcroft is housed in a central location on two corridors within close proximity of the learning resource centres. The department is made up of a team of around 15 specialist staff, with a wide range of experiences and interests. The team is based in its own curriculum staff room; it is a lively hub where ideas, advice and resources are freely shared.

The department is responsible for delivering the following subjects:

- Key Stage 3 English (in Years 7 and 8)
- GCSE English Language and Literature
- A level English Literature
- International Baccalaureate in English and Film.



The results at both Year 11 and at Post 16 are excellent and significantly above National Averages with full details on the Academy website.

English is a popular option in the sixth form with generally two classes of A level students in both Years 12 and 13 as well as a healthy number pursuing English on the International

Baccalaureate.

The department encourages students to develop their interest and enjoyment in the use of and study of English. We strive to build on students' own knowledge and experience of language and aim to widen and deepen their understanding and exposure to its uses.

We believe that students are given the opportunity to:

- Develop productive skills, textual analysis skills and knowledge about language
- Acquire skills of analysis and an understanding of how meaning is constructed
- Study how language can be placed within a wider historical and cultural context
- Study a range of spoken and written texts
- Recognise the power of language and develop their own expression in a range of forms
- Analyse the relationship between text and audience

Our use of AfL within the classroom is excellent and encourages students to be more autonomous learners. The praise, support and clear framework of the department allow them to meet and exceed their potential.

The English Department provides a range of extra-curricular activities including Literature Classics Club, Literacy Clinic, Debate Club, Creative Writing Club, Model UN Club and we are in the process of launching our English Department magazine 'The Inkwell'.

