



ENGLISH & MEDIA STUDIES

THE ENGLISH CURRICULUM AREA

The English team are enthusiastic and energetic practitioners, committed to providing a high quality experience for students of all abilities and at all key stages. We aim to inspire and engage our students so they may develop as confident and competent communicators able to evaluate and appreciate a diverse range of language and literature texts.

The Curriculum Area comprises a Director of English (who supports teaching and learning within the curriculum area and across the school), a Leading Teacher and Key Stage Subject Leaders at each campus and nineteen additional subject specialists. We have an excellent range of teaching and learning resources to support the creative delivery of high quality lessons.

We are an active team, generous in our support of colleagues and to the wider life of the school. The team makes a valuable contribution to a diverse range of enrichment opportunities and Advanced Learning Days. There are numerous opportunities for colleagues' professional development within the curriculum area and the school.

English is a key subject in the overall success of Walton High. We are an ambitious team and strive to exceed our targets. Our aim is to maximise the opportunities offered by a three year KS4 programme to enable all students to achieve the highest grade they are capable of by the end of the GCSE course. A Level English Language and A Level English Literature are both popular choices at A Level and our Post 16 students take a leading role in the enrichment activities we offer to KS3 and KS4 students. New for 2022, we are excited to have added A Level Media Studies to our English curriculum offer at Post 16.

KEY STAGE 3 ENGLISH

All students study English Language and English Literature in mixed-ability groups. Each student receives eight one-hour lessons every fortnight and two homework tasks of 30 minutes each. The KS3 English programme covers an engaging range of language skills and students study a diverse selection of literary texts.

KEY STAGE 4 ENGLISH - GCSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE (AQA 8700), GCSE ENGLISH LITERATURE (AQA 8702)

In KS4 we teach English Language and English Literature as separate but closely linked disciplines and Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11 respond enthusiastically to our bespoke programme. Classes are all mixed ability and each student receives eight one-hour lessons every fortnight and two homework tasks of 45 minutes each.



KEY STAGE 5 ENGLISH – A LEVEL ENGLISH LITERATURE (AQA A) A LEVEL ENGLISH LANGUAGE (AQA) A LEVEL MEDIA STUDIES (AQA)

At KS5 our chosen English specifications encourage students to understand how language works, to look at genre and to learn about critical approaches to texts. We promote wide and independent reading, to allow students to consider both different critical approaches and how texts can reflect cultural meanings.

The A Level Media Studies course complements aspects of English Language that students have studied in KS4 and enables them to view, evaluate and analyse a variety of media products as they develop practical skills spanning a range of media forms. The course also offers an additional pathway of study alongside A Level English Language and A Level English Literature.

If you have a passion for teaching all aspects of English and you are attracted by the prospect of working in a stimulating environment where there are high expectations for all, your application would be most welcome.