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Graduate Assistant - English The department

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English is strong at Radley. The department is academically oriented but aims to encourage all boys to enjoy the subject and to succeed in the classroom. We encourage boys to be independent and engaged students, often teaching them to teach and to explore the world around them as critical thinkers. Extra-curricular projects are most encouraged, and dons give up time to guide and support boys in their endeavors. We have a culture of collaboration and best practice with frequent formal and informal chats about our teaching. There are eight members of the department, all of whom are passionate about the subject and supportive of one another and the boys.

English is a popular choice at A-level, with around thirty boys choosing it each year. In the lower school, boys are taught the Edexcel IGCSE specification for English Literature and Language.

This is a lively and extremely successful department: the range of activities available to boys is extensive. The Literary Society (LitSoc) meets regularly in school as well as taking trips to literary heritage sites, lectures, films and plays. The department cultivates a rich programme of activities and events within school, including a 'LitQuiz', 'Lit Lunch', a Literary Awards Shadowing Dinner, and 'The Great Literary Debate'. The department also runs a lower school Reading Group, a Creative Writing Society, a Lower School Curriculum Extension Course, and an English at University Group. There would certainly be scope for a Graduate Assistant to support these groups or, indeed, to found a society or activity to engage boys in an area of specific literary interest of their own.

The department prides itself on its ability to teach boys of a wide range of abilities and with a great variety of learning needs. It provides extension teaching for gifted and talented pupils of all ages and works closely with the Learning Support department to provide support for those pupils who require additional assistance with any aspect of their English. During the Shell year (Year 9), all boys follow a structured programme of grammar and punctuation in addition to a rich diet of literature. Thereafter, all boys go on to take IGCSE English Language, and most will also take IGCSE English Literature. English Literature is a popular A Level choice. The department follows the new Edexcel A Level syllabus, and the Edexcel IGCSE syllabi. The English department works closely with many other academic subjects, including drama.

Being a boarding school there is also plenty of opportunity for the willing candidate to involve themselves in the extra-curricular life of the College, whether it be coaching games, playing in the orchestra, or running with their own enthusiasm through involvement in one of the College's many societies. More information can be found in the Pastoral and Co-Curriculum document.

We have an increasingly diverse pupil intake and we are looking to increase diversity within our Common Room. We therefore encourage and welcome applicants from all backgrounds.