

# ENGLISH DEPARTMENT – USEFUL INFORMATION

## Your Role

We are seeking to appoint an outstanding teacher of English who recognises the importance of language and literacy as vital aspects of the success of young people. They will be able to enthuse students and will show a real passion for reading and language in all forms. This is an outstanding opportunity to join a very successful team in a school with a dynamic culture, an established curriculum and fantastic CPD opportunities.

We are offering the successful candidate the opportunity...

- To join an established and successful team in a thriving school.
- To promote success in reading, writing, speaking and listening and become an advocate in our community for reading and literacy.
- To work with students across the full age and ability range in an 11-16 School.
- To help shape and create an enhanced provision beyond the great range and quality we already provide.
- To work in an innovative and outward looking school.

There are many factors which will support this opportunity:

- Positive, courteous and enthusiastic students
- A dynamic, supportive and professional team and working environment
- The opportunity to shape, design and develop the curriculum for our pupils. Each of our team takes responsibility for a year group.
- A thoughtful, well-sequenced and engaging curriculum
- A recently re-stocked library with a team of dedicated student librarians.
- Extensive links with other schools in the Sherborne Schools Partnership.

## Background Standards

- Excellent results in the P8 metric for GCSE English Language.
- Year-on-year improvement in pupils achieving English Language and English Literature grades 9-4 and 9-5.

## Subject Success

- Pupils who are increasingly engaged with reading and writing for pleasure.
- A dedicated and growing team of librarians.
- Excellent levels of engagement and participation in World Book Day events.
- Author visits and creative writing workshops.



- A Year 10 pupil recently won a national poetry award and had her work published.
- Our parents are increasingly involved in the subject, with our annual Literacy Forum for parents a real success.

## The Curriculum

- We have invested heavily in developing a topical and diverse curriculum for our students, with texts including *The Tempest*, *Noughts and Crosses*, *To Kill a Mockingbird* and *I Am Malala*.
- Pupils in years 7 to 11 follow the national curriculum.
- We follow the AQA English Language and English Literature Syllabuses at GCSE.
- We are also pleased to provide students with a full range of opportunities to develop their skills via lunchtime and after school clubs as well as in local and national competitions.

## Facilities and resources

- We have our own building in English, which we share with the SEN department.
- Clean, well-maintained and bright classrooms.
- Excellent teaching resources including SMART BOARDS and Visualisers in every classroom.
- A fully-stocked library.
- Recently refurbished IT suite with excellent IT resources.
- New, good quality literature texts

## Extra-Curricular

- We continually look for opportunities to enrich our pupils' experience of learning in the subject, including through school trips, author visits and extra-curricular clubs such as Book Club and Creative Writing Clubs.
- Regular trips to see theatre productions of our texts including *The Tempest* at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon, and *Noughts and Crosses* at Exeter University.
- Author visits/workshops include Minette Walters and Emma Carroll.

