



The Sutton Academy

THE ENGLISH FACULTY

The English Faculty is a collaborative and forward-thinking department filled with passionate and dedicated practitioners.

INTRODUCTION

We believe that English holds a unique and vital role in shaping the lives of our learners, and we are dedicated to raising the attainment and progress of every student. We foster a positive, inclusive, and supportive environment for both staff and students, working together to ensure consistency across the faculty. Our shared vision enables all students to make meaningful progress and cultivates a love for learning that lasts a lifetime.

CURRICULUM

Our diverse and challenging curriculum exposes students to the most influential ideas from some of the greatest minds. Carefully designed to build on prior knowledge, it strengthens students' understanding of key concepts and vocabulary from Year 7 through to Year 13. At Key Stage 3, students explore a broad range of texts—from Charles Dickens to Angie Thomas—laying a strong academic foundation for success at GCSE, A-Level, and beyond. We follow the AQA specification for both GCSE English Language and GCSE English Literature at Key Stage 4, and offer AQA English Language and Literature at A-Level in Key Stage 5.

Reading and writing sit at the heart of our teaching, with a wide range of assessment strategies, including comparative judgement, used to support every student in achieving their full potential. At Key Stage 3, we use No More Marking to ensure consistent and accurate assessment of students' written work.

THE DEPARTMENT

Our Faculty Leader oversees four TLR post-holders with responsibility for Quality Assurance, Key Stage 5, Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 3. There are fifteen specialists in the teaching team, including a Higher-Level Teaching Assistant, who are dedicated to supporting the progress of all students with their English studies. This is an exciting time for our department as we continue to develop our curriculum, assessment and extra-curricular provision.

Our faculty are passionate about the eminence of English and strive to instil a love for the written word by embodying the school values of kindness, resilience, reflection and participation in the community.



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Faculty Leader

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