

Saint Augustine's English Department



The English Department at St Augustine's is a team of specialist teachers committed to providing lively and interesting lessons to pupils who are encouraged and motivated to learn. The department achieves outstanding results, with attainment and progress exceptionally high (2017 results below), and has a track record for sustained success in public speaking, debating and writing competitions. Theatre visits and a range of exciting events are arranged every year and writers are invited in to school to work with our pupils at regular intervals. Recent author visits have included Darren Shan, Becca Fitzpatrick, Patrick Delaney and Paul Jenkins.

Based in its own attractive area in the school there are four dedicated English classrooms, each of which is equipped with an interactive whiteboard; we also have strong links with the excellent school library. The department is well resourced with new materials in both Key Stages. We have excellent links with our feeder primary schools and partner sixth form college, St Mary's in Blackburn. We follow the Eduqas suite of specifications for Language and Literature and nearly all our pupils will sit both exams at the end of Year 11. We have an excellent track record of GCSE results in all areas. In addition, several members of the department are experienced GCSE examiners for Eduqas, helping to ensure that both staff training and teaching resources are of the highest standard.

Pupils are set based on ability when they arrive in Year 7. In English there are three broadly equal sets based on the highest scoring pupils at Key Stage 2, three broadly equal middle ability sets and two smaller groups for pupils who require additional support. As pupils go through the school, the setting is adjusted and from Year 9 onwards there are eight linear sets. Setting in English is independent of other pupil groupings.

We are looking for a teacher who is passionate about English, committed to professional development, enjoys teaching and is ambitious for the children in our care. The successful person will work in a friendly and forward-looking team in an outstanding Catholic school.

New staff are made very welcome to the school and participate in a comprehensive induction programme.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Members of the English Department

Mrs Sharon Curl Curriculum Leader

Mr Richard Pate Lead Teacher

Mr Jonathan Bracewell

Mrs Julia Clossick

Mr Jeff Curl

Mrs Rachel Mooney

Mrs Angelina Priest

Mrs Anna Smirk