

The Thomas Hardy School English Department

The English Department has 14 full time teachers, five part time teachers and two Schools Direct trainees. There is also an administrative assistant. The English Department is vibrant and enthusiastic with a strong team ethos and supportive atmosphere. We believe that all students are capable of achieving success in our subject and provide an exceptional teaching and learning environment. We offer a wide variety of subjects at A Level and have a number of specialist teachers. Within the department there are Teaching and Learning Responsibilities attributed to: Curriculum Leader of English, Deputy Curriculum Leader, Head of English Language, Head of Media and Film Studies, Head of Classical Civilization, Head of KS3 and Head of History of Art.

Students begin their study of GCSE English at the school in Year 9. Initially they are taught in tutor groups and then reorganised into mixed ability teaching groups for Year 10. We do not set pupils at any stage in English. All students study English Language and English Literature to GCSE level and we use AQA exam board.

Many students go on to study English related subjects at sixth form and results are outstanding with most subjects at A level achieving a grade 2 for ALPS. The department uses OCR for Classical Civilization, English Literature and Film Studies, AQA for English Language, PEARSON for History of Art, and WJEC EDUQAS for Media Studies.

We offer a wide range of extra-curricular opportunities for students including: theatre trips and poetry readings, residential trips, creative writing workshops, performances in school and story writing projects.