

The English Faculty

Aims:

- To stimulate and maintain pupil interest in English, taking into account preferred learning styles and multiple intelligences
- To develop pupils' ability to communicate, orally and in written form, at all levels, using appropriate strategies to address different audiences and purposes
- To maximise the achievement of pupils in English and in English Literature at Key Stages 3, 4 and 5 against national and locally agreed benchmarked targets
- To promote good citizenship by incorporating concomitant skills and issues into all our schemes of work across all Key Stages

English Faculty Ethos:

- We are a forward-thinking and dedicated team of experienced English specialists
- We are committed to the development of best practice in all aspects of English teaching
- We value teamwork and commitment
- We also value the ability to communicate enthusiasm for our subject to pupils and colleagues alike
- Our major concern is the nurturing of the individual child within a secure learning environment, while promoting independent learning and challenging each pupil to achieve his or her potential

Curriculum:

- At Key Stage 3, all pupils follow a 2-year curriculum structured and delivered according to the updated NC guidelines for English. Our main aim at KS3 is to provide a seamless 'five year mastery curriculum' into KS4, as the distinction between these Key Stages is now largely redundant
- Pupils will begin KS4 in Year 9 and study EDUQAS GCSE English Language and Literature (formerly WJEC)
- At Key Stage 5, roughly a third of Rainhill High School Sixth Form students study English (AQA English Language B or AQA English Literature A)

2016 Examination Performance:

		GCSE		A8	P8	A2		ALPS
English Language	2016	A/A*	20%	11.28	-0.12	A*-B	24%	7
	2015		20%				36%	5
	2014		11%				29%	5
	2016	A*-C	82%			A*-C	53%	
	2015		81%				73%	
	2014		74%				82%	
English Literature	2016	A/A*	16%			A*-B	60%	3
	2015		15%				25%	6
	2014		N/A				35%	7
	2016	A*-C	75%			A*-C	80%	
	2015		71%				92%	
	2014		N/A				71%	

English Faculty Staff List:

Personnel

Position in Faculty

Andrew Crossley	Head of Faculty and KS4
Wendy Segal	Assistant Headteacher – Raising Standards
Maria Ball	Head of KS3 English
Claire Dickman	Head of KS5 English
Lauren Jones	Lead Practitioner
John Buxton	Senior Lead Practitioner
Nicola Ericson	LFC Senior Link Teacher
Lauren Blanchard	
Claire Flaherty	
Laura Melia	
Stephanie Lunt	
Ciaran McAloran	NQT
<i>Vacancy</i>	
Kelly Fisher	HLTA
Tracey McCabe	HLTA

Resources and Rooming

Rooms:

Twelve dedicated English teaching rooms

Extensive refurbishment of all English rooms took place in 2014

ICT Provision:

- All English Rooms are fitted with an IWB
- Laptops are available for booking across the school

Curriculum Enrichment Activities:

- Curriculum-related drama workshops and performances in school
- Visits by authors and poets
- Annual Carnegie Prize book group and celebration event
- Poetry and prose writing competitions
- Literature and language workshops for A Level Students
- Regular theatre visits
- Celebration of 'World Book Day'
- Accelerated Reader programme
- Scholastic book fairs

Mr. A. Crossley

Head of English

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