



The English Faculty at St Bede's is a high-achieving, outstanding faculty which enjoys consistently impressive results. It is a strong, highly committed team, who strive for excellence in their practice and pedagogy. The quality of learning and teaching within the faculty is outstanding and the subject is widely respected across the school and enjoyed by students.

The team is currently made up of eight teachers. The department is creative and dynamic and embraces the opportunity to reflect upon its practice. All colleagues are encouraged to take part in this process and contribute to the development of outstanding pedagogy and programmes of study. All members of the English team are involved in the planning and resourcing of the curriculum, share best practice, and contribute to policy. Central to the ethos of the department is the development of a strong team. All English teachers work collaboratively to inspire and motivate our students.

English examination results are outstanding showing high value-added.

The English Faculty benefits from the support of committed and hard-working Teaching Assistants who work closely as part of our team, ensuring all pupils have access to the curriculum and are able to achieve their personal best. English classes are broadly mixed-ability in all years.

English is mainly taught in a suite of six dedicated classrooms, equipped with interactive whiteboards. Classrooms are pleasant to teach in and provide a stimulating learning environment. The English Faculty is well-equipped with books and materials and is generously funded.

At Key Stage 3 the English Curriculum is based on the teaching of common texts or topics, each with prescribed outcomes which ensures students are prepared for the demands of the GCSEs. The topics are not designed to restrict a teacher's individuality and all teachers are encouraged to be inventive to meet the needs of the students in their classes. Teachers are encouraged to be imaginative and creative in the planning of lessons. Careful monitoring of student progress takes place. All students are set targets and they are informed of their progress regularly. The English Faculty prides itself on the high quality of its pupil feedback.

The Key Stage 4 Curriculum is based on the AQA GCSE English Language 8700 and the AQA GCSE English Literature 8702.

The English Faculty supplements its core provision with a range of extra-curricular activities. The English Faculty places great emphasis on encouraging a love of reading; many students shadow the Carnegie Medal and other reading awards. Students regularly and successfully compete in the ESU competition.

The English Faculty takes advantage of the wide range of artistic opportunities that Cambridge provides. It also invites visiting writers, poets and theatre groups into school when the opportunity arises.