

SS JOHN FISHER AND THOMAS MORE RC HIGH SCHOOL

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Teacher of English

We are seeking to appoint a suitably qualified individual to join our hard-working and committed department. The successful candidate will be very enthusiastic and willing to show a high degree of dedication. They should be creative, imaginative and possess a passion and an aptitude for the subject. They must have high standards in their own work. Similarly, they must have high expectations of students' work and behaviour. This post would suit a person who is either starting their career or who would like to develop their career in a productive and harmonious environment; someone who is keen to help a flourishing department to make further advancement.

The English department is a capable and dynamic team that has achieved great success in recent years. The department comprises:

Staff	Designation
Mr Mark Jackson	Curriculum Leader
Mrs Jodie Whalley	Assistant Curriculum Leader
Mr David Bridge	Assistant Headteacher, Teacher of English
Mr Tom Hoole	Teacher of English
Mrs Mia Timberlake	Part Time Teacher of English (3 days)
Mrs Sue Prior	Part Time Teacher of English (2 days)
Vacancy	Teacher of English

English is currently taught to all pupils for 4 x 50 minute periods per week in both key stages. An additional 45 minutes per week is afforded to Year 11 P Band (Sets 1 to 4) during form time, bringing pupils' total contact time in English to approximately 4 hours per week.

In line with recent instructions, the Key Stage 3 Schemes of Work have recently been reviewed and refined to ensure a relevant, stimulating and challenging experience for all students. At KS4, the department offers GCSE English Language and English Literature. Currently, we are following the AQA specification. Our committed team of specialist teachers offer a range of interventions across both key stages to support pupils in attaining the best possible results.

The department consists of five main classrooms, each equipped with an interactive whiteboard and sound systems.

The school operates a 'Drop Everything and Read' programme in Years 7-9: pupils bring their Accelerated Reader books to form and most mornings are expected to read and discuss their books with classmates and their form teacher. Plans are currently afoot to relocate the school's Learning Resource Centre to develop the culture of reading further within the school.

A full range of extra-curricular activities is offered by the department, including the hosting of speakers and theatre groups and visits to theatres, cinemas and debates. We are committed to encouraging a love of English outside the classroom.

