

AYLESBURY GRAMMAR SCHOOL



ENGLISH DEPARTMENT 2018-19

The English Department is a large, friendly and successful team of nine teachers. It has a number of classrooms which are well equipped with ICT and media facilities.

English at Key Stages 3 and 4 is taught in mixed ability groups and all boys are entered for both English Language and English Literature GCSE; we currently follow the Edexcel 1ENO and 1ETO syllabuses. This is a course which explores an engaging range of texts. Most of the literature texts are completed in Year 10 so the focus through Year 11 is preparation for the Language examinations. The vast majority of boys achieve good and excellent passes in both GCSEs. Some students are supported through closer attention and tuition, being taught in support sets.

We follow the AQA B specification in English Literature at A Level and we also offer A level English Language and Literature, following the Edexcel specification. We currently have two groups running in each sixth form year group, each taught by two staff.

There are plenty of extra-curricular opportunities for students in the English department: public speaking, House Writing, creative writing society, BBC School Report, Carnegie Award shadowing and regular theatre trips - but we are always looking for new ways to involve and enthuse boys. We have an excellent librarian who contributes to our extra-curricular programme, coordinating the year 7 Kids Lit Quiz and organising whole school activities centred around reading.

There are many opportunities for teachers in our department to pursue their own interests and develop their careers. Members of the team take responsibility for specific curriculum matters as well as extra-curricular activities and contribute to the training of PGCE or School Direct students. We are keen to develop the department further and are looking for a teacher who is creative, enthusiastic and willing to develop all aspects of our work.

2018 Results

Full course GCSE	%9	%8+	%7+	%6+	%5+	%4+	Total no. of students
English Language	12	32	65	84	96	98	187
English Literature	13	34	58	86	96	99	187

A Level	%A*	%A*/A	%A*-B	%A*-C
English Lit & Lang	38%	77%	92%	100%
English Literature	16%	40%	84%	100%