



English: More about the Department

Ruskin's English Department is a large and thriving team that enjoys impressive facilities for this highly regarded subject spanning Key Stage 3 – 5. The department occupies a dedicated teaching block within the Academy; it is well resourced and benefits from high quality accommodation and staff facilities.

The philosophy of the department is one which believes that a student of English is curious and inquisitive; they engage with the world around them and want to delve deeper. They read about those from other cultures, worlds and eras with an enquiring mind and develop a respect for diversity. They engage with the beauty of poetry; they read novels with open minds; they have a thirst for knowledge that is quenched by exploring a wide variety of fiction and non-fiction texts. Through writing, they develop their creative flair and their independent voice, learning how to write for a myriad of audiences and purposes whilst retaining their own idiosyncratic style. They become articulate participants in the world, understanding how to convey meaning in both writing and speech. The overarching intent of the English curriculum is to develop more confident, more independent, more thoughtful and better informed students whose experiences are enhanced due to the provision provided.

The team is led by the Head of English, who is supported by a second in department. Opportunities are also presented to staff to undertake TLR3 research based projects. All staff deliver English Language and Literature at KS3 and 4, where students study the AQA syllabus; at KS5, there is an opportunity to deliver English Language, English Literature and combined English Language/ Literature, depending on option choices.

We recognise and champion career pathways for talented professionals and as such the department offers numerous opportunities to grow and develop your teaching career, from regular departmental training to full access of nationally recognised CPD suites through our teaching school.

There is a unique energy at Ruskin; we are forward thinking, aspirational and dynamic, yet warm and immersed in building collective efficacy across our staff and wider, colleagues across the Trust.

The Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment.