



## **ENGLISH DEPARTMENT – CURRICULUM INFORMATION**

### **Introduction**

The department currently comprises a dedicated and enthusiastic team of two full-time teachers and three part-time teachers, one of whom is also responsible for Drama. Each member of the department is a subject specialist and the successful candidate will have the opportunity to share the teaching from Year 7 through to A level. Full time members of the department also contribute to the pastoral life of the school as form tutors to small groups.

English is a popular choice at A level and results in all public examinations are strong.

### **Curriculum**

The department's aim is for pupils to find English lessons enjoyable and enlightening, and to leave Chetham's with a range of skills that will benefit them in their future lives.

Pupils are currently taught in mixed ability groups throughout the school and the teaching is based on the close study of literature. We use a broad range of pre- and post-1914 texts. We also encourage a detailed interest in language and the ways it is used in literature and society as well as promoting confidence and articulacy in students' own written and spoken English.

Individual teachers, after discussion with the Head of Department, have freedom to devise their own courses for all classes, based on the department's schemes of work, and there will be some flexibility for the successful candidate to choose his or her own texts.

In Years 7 and 8 the pupils have two 60 minute periods of English a week and one Drama lesson every other week. In Year 9 they have three 60 minute periods.

In Year 10 and Year 11 pupils have three 60 minute periods. All pupils study both English and English Literature to GCSE level and we take CIE IGCSE in both.

Classes throughout the school are small. We work very closely and effectively with colleagues in Compensatory Education to support our students who are E2L or have additional educational needs.

A large proportion of pupils take English Literature A level and some go on to study the subject at a higher level. We follow the OCR syllabus in English Literature. Students do not currently have to achieve a minimum grade at GCSE in order to progress to A level.

The English accommodation consists of three rooms on the third floor of the new building and all three classrooms are equipped with an interactive whiteboard.

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