



THORNHILL COLLEGE

English Department

English is a core curriculum subject which services the whole school. Its three profile components are Speaking and Listening, Reading and Writing; the components are equally weighted with regard to teaching.

At KS3 Language and Literature are taught as a unified whole; the students are taught to appreciate and produce language in a variety of contexts: functional, transactional, literary, critical, creative and personal. Poetry, prose and drama texts form an integral part of teaching schemes.

Literature is compulsory at KS4. Again, Language and Literature are taught as an integrated whole, separating only for Controlled Assessment and Examination purposes. Students follow the CCEA specifications.

Currently, A-level English Literature students follow the WJEC syllabus which offers an attractive coursework option and a broad range of exciting and challenging Literature texts.

The emphasis at all times is on active learning. The fostering and maintenance of pupils' enthusiasm for the subject is central to the philosophy of the department. Discussions, role-playing, empathic exercises and a variety of other dramatic activities are used in the classroom as vital aids to learning. The incorporation of ICT in order to enhance learning is essential. Wider reading is encouraged and the students maintain reading logs in every year.

As well as regular teacher assessment, pupil self-assessment is also encouraged as a fundamental aid to real progress.

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(Please ensure that in your application form, you address the criteria mentioned in the Person Specification)