

Davison CE High School for Girls

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT SUMMARY

The Team:

The English Department at Davison is highly successful and has a strong team ethos. The team is comprised of eleven experienced English specialists and one Raising Attainment Coach who provides small group intervention for students who require additional input.

We are very fortunate at Davison to have a fantastic and well-resourced Learning Resource Centre with a full-time librarian who supports reading across the school. We also have the whole school Literacy Lead teacher in our team who drives the school's approach to literacy and reading across the curriculum.

We are looking for a hardworking, enthusiastic English teacher who is undaunted by new ideas to join our high performing team.

Results:

Our GCSE results are consistently outstanding with candidates achieving 84% 4+ in English and 85% 4+ in Literature in 2024. We are continually committed to raising achievement for pupils of all abilities. We closely monitor individual progress and provide many intervention opportunities to ensure that all students have the best possible chance to flourish.

Facilities and Resources:

The English Department is housed in a modern purpose-built block opposite the main school entrance. There are seven teaching rooms with electronic whiteboards in all classrooms. The department is well resourced with a good range of texts and there are departmentally agreed schemes of work and shared resources for all KS3 and KS4 units.

Extra-Curricular Activities:

We run a range of extra-curricular activities including Debate Club, Poetry Club, The Big Read and several reading award tracking groups as well as KS4 revision sessions. We also organise theatre trips and have a Theatre In Education group visit the school each year in order to ensure that every student is given the chance to see a Shakespeare play performed on stage.

Curriculum Organisation:

The school operates a two-week timetable. Year 7 have 7 English lessons and Years 8 and 9 have 6 English lessons per fortnight. Each KS3 class has a fortnightly LRC lesson where we use the Accelerated Reading Programme to track reading engagement, progress and enjoyment.

The GCSE curriculum is split into Language and Literature groups with 5 lessons of Literature and 3 lessons of Language over the two-week timetable. The department follows the AQA syllabus for English and English Literature. All of the English classes at Davison are taught in mixed ability groups except for one support group at KS4 which is a smaller class with a TA permanently attached to it to support students.

We are happy to talk to anyone who is thinking of applying for this post so do feel free to contact the department or arrange for a visit. The vacancy is suitable for an ECT who is available from July 2025 to August 2026 OR from April 2025 to August 2026.

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