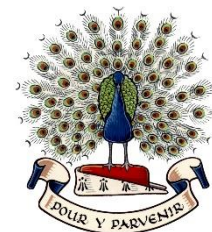


Lady Manners School



The English and Media Faculty

The English and Media Faculty consists of specialist teachers who work collaboratively and enthusiastically to support learners of all abilities. Students at Lady Manners School enjoy their English lessons and are highly motivated to succeed. The school values of aspire, include and thrive underpin all aspects of learning.

Subjects taught:

- English Language (all Key Stages)
- English Literature (all Key Stages)
- Media Studies (Key Stage 5)
- Film Studies (Key Stage 4 from Sept 2024)



Leadership and Staffing

Leadership of the Faculty is coordinated by the Director of Learning. There are two Curriculum Leaders, one for English Language and one for English Literature. Media and Film is currently monitored by a specialist teacher on a TLR3 allocation.

There are currently twelve full-time and part-time teachers in the Faculty, who are all experienced and highly successful subject specialists. Teachers have additional responsibilities in a number of areas and there is also a full-time learning mentor who works primarily with disadvantaged students.

The Curriculum

Our curriculum is dynamic and constantly developing. There are six modules in each year, which are sequenced to enable students to build their knowledge and skills. Assessment is robust and linked to schemes of work. Staff operate within a curriculum framework, but have the freedom to devise their own lessons and resources if they wish.

In Key Stage 3, all students have three lessons a week in Year 7 and 8, and four lessons a week in Year 9. Students are taught in mixed ability groups. The Faculty is heavily involved in promoting reading, and we work closely with our full-time librarian to inspire and encourage reading for pleasure. Additionally, weaker readers are provided with interventions to close gaps and make progress in line with their peers.

At Key Stage 4, all students have four lessons each week and study AQA English Language and English Literature for GCSE. Students are taught in broad bands, with two top sets and three middle sets in each half of the year. We are excited to develop as a faculty by offering Film Studies as a GCSE option for the first time in September 2024. If the course proves successful, we hope to offer it at A' level in the future.

At Key Stage 5, the Faculty currently offers A' levels in English Language, English Literature and Media Studies. All three courses recruit well, and each class is taught by two teachers who share five lessons.

We run a number of extra-curricular activities, including a creative writing group, a debating club and English Forums for A' level students. We welcome visiting authors and theatre groups

Achievement

The Faculty is committed to improving outcomes for students. Our GCSE results in English Language and English Literature continue to improve as a result of effective planning, teaching and assessment. Predictions are strong for 2024.

We are proud of the consistently excellent results students achieve at A' level English Literature, where ALPs grades are consistently at grade 2 and 3. Media Studies has been a popular A' level subject, and we are particularly proud of the results achieved by some of the students who have a less academic profile on entry to Sixth Form. The most recent English Language ALPs score of 3 is an improvement on previous years.

Facilities

The Faculty has the use of eight classrooms, all equipped with projectors. Two classrooms have touch-screen interactive LCD screens, with plans to provide these in other rooms.

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