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## Faculty Information: English

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The English Faculty at SGS is a large and enthusiastic team of practitioners, covering all three key stages. We recently won the Trust award for best English teaching team, which reflects the ethos and passion we feel about our subjects. Collectively, our expertise in all areas leads to excellent teaching, learning and results at all key stages. We put student learning at the heart of all our decision making processes, operating a continual system of staff development with an ethos of continual improvement informed by both learning research and reflection on our own practice. This results in many of our students developing a passion for English, being involved in co-curricular opportunities and taking English, Media and Film further to college, university and as careers. We are looking for someone to join our team who upholds this ethos.

English is taught to all pupils Year 7 to 11 and students sit both Language and Literature for GCSE: we follow the AQA syllabus, covering 'An Inspector Calls', 'Jekyll and Hyde', as well as 'Macbeth' and the Power and Conflict cluster. We offer Language, Literature, as well as Media and Film Studies at A level.

In Years 7 and 8, based in the School's Towers and Rock Road sites, pupils are taught in mixed ability groupings. In Years 9, 10 and 11, students are taught largely in mixed ability groupings with 14 classes in total in each year group (split across two bands). For each band at KS4, there is one top set per year.

Within the 50-period fortnightly timetable, pupils in Year 7 and 8 have seven periods of English per fortnight, including one library lesson and in Year 7, there are Reading Plus sessions. Reading Plus is a trust wide programme designed to support literacy in Year 7.

At Key Stage 4, there are seven lessons in Years 9 and 10, and eight in Year 11 per fortnight. In the Sixth Form, all A-Levels are taught by subject specialists and teaching of any one group is usually by two teachers sharing the load. Results for English at Key Stage 3, GCSE and A level have been good over many years. Last year's GCSE results for both Language and Literature were significantly above the national average, using FFT measures.

We are well resourced with schemes of work and shared planning, as well as interactive whiteboards, and all teachers are issued with an iPad. Teachers are trained in aspects of their ICT use that help with student learning. Students at KS3 and KS4 also have iPads and most 6th formers bring their own devices. We have an English specific staff room where we foster an excellent atmosphere amongst all members of the team. We run several social events each year to add to the already positive ethos in the team.

We look forward to receiving your application.

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