



The Crypt School
English Department

The Crypt School English Department is an academically exciting place to work, offering A levels in English Language (AQA) and English Literature (Edexcel).

Our GCSE classes are in five sets from a four form intake, so average class size is 24 students. All students take both GCSEs and all sets are mixed ability – we have written a long term plan and outline schemes of work for all units of the new AQA (Literature) and WJEC/Eduqas (Language) specifications. The Key Stage 3 classes follow spiral curriculum that introduces GCSE and A level skills from the outset of Y7 and progressively revisits them – schemes of work are fully resourced and sharable electronically. All of our book stock is catalogued on the school library software and is checked out, chased up, checked back in and shelved by our school Librarian, who works closely with the department. We have been an APP network school and this thinking continues to underpin KS3 and to inform our support strategies at KS4 and KS5. KS3 is supported by one-to-one intervention.

Creativity and risk-taking are encouraged and we like to show students that we can do as well as teach, providing role models for a critically and creatively engaged life beyond school. As a team, we constantly reflect on the challenge of provoking students to think more deeply and express more clearly than they thought they could - and translate this into outstanding results. A future member of our team is someone who thrives on real teaching.

The team:

Oliver Sandell – Head of English

Eleanor Gasan – Assistant Head of English

James Bridges – p/t 0.6

Chris Cobb – f/t

Abbie Collard – f/t – MAGT coordinator

Andie Barnett – p/t – Head of Citizenship

Dionne Meade – p/t 0.4 (One-to-one KS3 intervention)

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Head of Department

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