

The English Department at Weatherhead is staffed by a hardworking and committed team of 17 teachers. Student attainment is high at all levels, with many students going on to study English Literature and English Language at Advanced Level. The Progress 8 measure for English this year as 0.5 was significantly above the national average and in the highest 20% of all schools in 2019, as well as 2018 and 2017. The English Department is constantly striving to raise attainment, through curriculum development, focusing on teaching and learning strategies, sharing good practice and continued evaluation of all aspects of departmental work, in order for the students to realise their highest possible potential.

Throughout Key Stage 3, students focus on learning and applying skills that will equip them for success higher up the school at GCSE and Advanced level. They are taught how to use language to enhance their own enjoyment and understanding of literary texts and develop their own literacy.

At Key Stage 4, students study AQA English Language and English Literature.

In addition to its long standing academic success, the English Department recognises the value of extra-curricular activities. Staff lead clubs for pupils of all Key Stages, ranging from public speaking and poetry competitions to Harry Potter club and KS2 transition. In addition the Department fosters students' interest in literature by organising theatre trips and poetry workshops and an annual trip to Stratford upon Avon.

As part of the school's Leadership College specialism, students are encouraged to share in the direction and development of their learning through the English Ambassadors Team who support staff at events such as Open Evenings and play an active part in promoting the Department.

For additional information please visit our curriculum page on the school's website  
<https://weatherheadhigh.co.uk/project/english/>

For all staff there is an extensive tailored support and professional development programme. As a Centre of Excellence for Leadership we provide specialist courses for NQTs through to Senior Leadership development opportunities. We also focus as a school on leadership in the classroom where our priority is all aspects of teaching and learning. For further information please visit the school website, Join Us section for details of professional development opportunities at Weatherhead.