



# THE ENGLISH, FILM AND MEDIA DEPARTMENT

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Chestnut Grove's English, Film and Media department has been performing highly for many years. English GCSE results are well above the national average; last year at A Level, English Literature results were 95% A\*-B and 60% A\*-A. In addition to English, we teach Film GCSE and Media and Film A-Level, also with very strong results.

The department has been praised highly by two Ofsted teams. Collaboration is excellent, expectations are high and lesson planning, delivery and evaluation are all rigorous. The team is experienced and able to offer excellent support and expertise to those in the department.

## 2. STAFFING

At present the English, Film and Media Department consists of:

- Head of Department;
- Second in Charge (ic KS4)
- ic KS3, ic KS5 English, ic Film, ic Media
- 9 other members of staff.

## 3. ACCOMMODATION

The Media and Film department is well-resourced with two dedicated classrooms, recording equipment and access to the Adobe suite of design and editing software. English has 8 classrooms, all with interactive whiteboards and a department planning/resources room.

## 4. CURRICULUM AND ORGANISATION

### a) Key Stage 3:

Students are taught in groups of mixed prior attainment in KS3. The curriculum is well developed into flexible, differentiated units which are planned by the department and assessed using the new curriculum model, which is embedded within department planning. Each skills-based unit is taught at the same time, in order to maximise sharing of resources and to facilitate movement between classes. The units are centrally resourced.

### b) Key Stage 4

#### English Language and Literature

The Department uses the Edexcel syllabus and all students are expected to be entered for both English and English Literature at GCSE. English is taught 5 hours a week and home learning is set once a week.

## **Film Studies**

The Department uses the Eduqas syllabus and Film is taught for 3 hours a week, with homework set once a week.

The department jointly plans the curriculum at Key Stage 4, and systems are in place to ensure consistent quality of coursework assignments, assessment and record-keeping.

### **c) Key Stage 5**

All A Level subjects are taught over five periods, by two teachers for each class. Students are expected to do a minimum of an hour's independent work for every hour in the classroom. All three subjects are very popular choices and recruit very well; we run two English groups, and one each for Film and Media.

Exam boards:

English Literature: Edexcel

Film Studies: Eduqas

Media Studies: Eduqas

## **5. ENRICHMENT**

The English, Film and Media Department makes full use of London as a resource; this includes regular trips to the Globe, theatres, local cinemas, the BFI Film Festival and study days. We forge links with industry professionals who come in to the school to present to students or mentor them, and university academics with extensive industry experience.