



### **English Department**

In the English Department at Cardinal Newman Catholic School our aims are as follows:

1. To help students develop and enjoy to the full their potential ability to use the English language with a skilful sensitivity appropriate to the demands of real contexts and real audiences.
2. To provide students with a wide range of reading experiences and to show that literature and related media are major sources of enjoyment, insight and information.
3. To develop in students the ability to think clearly and perceptively, to listen critically and carefully, to read with understanding and involvement, to speak with clarity and to write with confidence and accuracy.

We are an ambitious, hard-working, and supportive team. The atmosphere within the department is positive, good-humoured and we encourage staff to spend time at lunch sitting together.

Our primary focus is Teaching and Learning and all of our department time is focused on this rather than administration. Teachers share resources and ideas frequently and we have an impressive bank of shared resources.

There are twenty-two teachers in the department. All are expected to teach across the age and ability range. There are opportunities for colleagues to teach on our GCSE and popular English Literature and English Language A Level courses.

The KS3 curriculum is strong and is constantly being developed; there is a focus on retaining a passion for reading and for fostering engagement along with providing challenge.

At Key Stage 4, we follow the AQA specifications in English and English Literature. Our results were excellent last year for both Language and Literature and students make impressive progress.

Our approach is to 'teach to the top' across all key stages; we are a strong department and are now working towards excellence.

Should you decide to submit an application please tell us how your skills and experience to date will enable you to contribute to our vision.

