

**BRINE LEAS SCHOOL**  
***BLS 'Believe, Learn, Succeed'***

**English Department Information**

**English**

Academic standards across key stages are high in the English department; we aim for continuous improvement in standards of teaching and learning and have a record of outstanding exam results.

We are seeking a lively and enthusiastic teacher with a strong interest in the subject and a commitment to a range of teaching strategies. The successful candidate will be an exceptional teacher, able to teach the full ability range at KS3, KS4 and A-level. The ability to be flexible, to work hard and to be fully engaged and committed to our high standards is essential for this post.

The English Department has, at present, 13 members of staff and many are highly experienced and hold posts of responsibility within the school. We are a very strong team who work well together on many levels. The Department is committed to excellence in all areas of the English curriculum.

On entry, students are banded according to ability, with KS3 classes having broader ability groups in the lower bands. In years 10 and 11, they are placed in more clearly defined bands. Years 7-9 receive seven one hour lessons of English per fortnight, with Year 10 and 11 receiving 8 hours. Take up of English courses in BL6 is very popular (English Literature, Language and Literature/Language) and our A-Level results are also excellent.

Reading is also an essential part of English at Brine Leas and all KS3 classes have one timetabled Library lesson with access to the Accelerated Reader programme. This is also linked to Interhouse Reading Challenges and points. We also have Lexia and Hodder to support low literacy skills and an intervention programme, run by the Literacy Co-ordinator, to support and challenge all students. ICT suites and a drama studio are available to book for creative lessons.

Years 7 to 9 follow comprehensive schemes of work that both allow for individual initiative and ensure that core skills/tasks are covered, key objectives and assessments focuses are met. Students are given Progress Books, which they use across all three years at Key Stage 3, in addition to exercise books, to promote high standards of progress and assessment. The Department has an excellent record of examination success at KS4 and KS5. The AS and A2 level results for English Language and English Literature have all been excellent and amongst the highest in the country. Last year, in the first year of new courses, the English Progress 8 score was 0.43.

Outside of the classroom, we are pleased to offer theatre visits to Chester, Liverpool and Manchester to support teaching, as well as inviting theatre companies, authors and poets to perform in school. We also organise specialist lectures for BL6 students and further extra-curricular activities, such as essay writing competitions and the 'Rotary Youth Speaks'. In main school, students get involved in the BBC 500 Words Competitions, World Book Day, Interhouse Speaking and a new performance poetry event. We are seeking a teacher who will be an integral part to wider school life as well as the department.