



## ST HILDA'S CE HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear colleague,

Thank you for your interest shown in the post of KS3 English Lead. This is a new role within the department and is one we know will help to develop our students' skills and knowledge, establishing a very solid foundation for their GCSE and future studies.

The post-holder will be joining a highly successful team of eight teachers who support each other, share resources and put our students first. Everyone in the team has a voice and opportunity to shape the development of the department. The successful candidate will also become part of the English Leadership Team, comprising of a head of department and a second in department.

In addition to Eduqas English Literature and Language at GCSE, The English Department also oversees Drama at all key stages, and Media at KS5. We teach four A-levels in total: AQA Media Studies, Theatre Studies and English Language, and Eduqas English Literature.

Our KS3 curriculum is taught over three years, though in year 9 students do experience GCSE-style assessments and they become familiar with GCSE skills from year 7. We believe it is important to offer a breadth of texts across the curriculum. The variety of texts is just one of the reasons students cite for why they love English at St Hilda's. Additional reasons include their positive relationships with their dedicated teachers, and the exceptional work of our award-winning librarian and Literacy Coordinator, Jacqui Hale, who has fostered an impressive love of reading in our students at all levels.

Our current KS3 curriculum is outlined below. We have taken recent steps to ensure there is a fair coverage of both Literature and Language, as well as driving forward meaningful and varied feedback methods. As such, you are joining the department at an exciting time: our second in department, Joanne Hughes, is overseeing a move away from written feedback as the norm, towards more apt forms – our priority is to ensure feedback is efficient and results in progress.

This year, Drama was extended to KS3 as an independent subject. In years 7 and 8, we set the foundations for GCSE, which begins in year 9. Currently our two main Drama teachers are working towards a Shakespeare production in their after-school club, which is very well-attended. We are fortunate to have strong links with our local theatres, a relationship fostered by our main Drama teacher, who has already run several trips this year.

You will be joining a team with exceptional Literature results and good Language results. We are currently working towards bridging the gap between these successes. As such, monitoring our provision of Language at KS3 will be an initial focus for the post-holder and we are excited to expand our resources for this. New projects for this year include a department blog for our students' fantastic writing, and a mock TED talk held at a local venue. This year's event, ran by our sixth form English Language students, has the theme of Gender.



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You can find out more about the department, including an up-to-date KS3 English curriculum plan, at [www.twitter.com/engsthildas](https://www.twitter.com/engsthildas) or please do contact the school if you've any further questions.

I look forward to reading your application.

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