



TEACHER OF ENGLISH

FULL TIME - A TEMPORARY POST (MATERNITY COVER)

REQUIRED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR A SUITABLE CANDIDATE

The English Department

The English Department at Trinity School is friendly, supportive and, crucially, always strives to be the best that it can be. We believe that a curriculum is always a work in progress and made some innovative changes to KS3 this year. This is an exciting time to join our team. The next academic year will see us modify and improve on this year's hard work and your voice and ideas will be a very welcome addition when making these decisions. Currently, we have a reading group and are considering new texts to invigorate some aspects of our curriculum: we are always looking for creative approaches to inspire our students. Regardless of where you are in your career, we welcome your application. With a department of fifteen teachers, we have a breadth of experience, from ECT to more experienced staff who have been teaching for decades. A fresh perspective is always welcomed and valued.

Key Stage 3 – Last year has seen a shift from a KS3 Curriculum that explicitly teaches GCSE to a knowledge rich curriculum that prioritises conceptual understanding that can be applied in any context. In short, we are invested in making our students literate: both in the literal sense and culturally. Our KS3 team has undertaken vast research to ensure the right diet of complex and challenging texts are provided for our students. The curriculum is, rightly so, a journey through time to ensure our students can contextualise any text they encounter. Year 7 cover topics such as: *Early Story Writing*, *An Introduction to Poetry* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Year 8 are taught *A Christmas Carol* and various *Crime and Mystery* short stories. We are in the process of changing the Year 8 play. Finally, Year 9 learn from various *Science Fiction* stories, *Stories from other cultures* and *Romeo and Juliet*. Integrated into these topics are ample opportunities for explicit teaching of grammar, context, metaphor and story structures.

Key Stage 4 - Year 10 and Year 11 are taught in sets according to ability. Students are prepared for both English Language and English Literature GCSE of the AQA specification. Our staff are given opportunities to work with a range of sets to ensure their own CPD is developed. For example, a teacher may have a lower set in Year 11, alongside a top set in Year 10. We are currently considering various new methods to invigorate our essay structures in the hope of providing our students with the best opportunities in the exam. Over the next few years, we hope to integrate some of the foundational skills taught in our new KS3 programme to our KS4 curriculum.

Key Stage 5 - At Trinity, we currently have around 80 students studying English courses in the Sixth Form. We offer AQA English Language, AQA English Literature ('A' syllabus) and Media Studies at A level, having recently moved to EDUQAS for the latter.

The Post

We wish to appoint a highly motivated and committed English teacher to teach at all key stages. We are hopeful that the candidate will share our passion for improvement. As aforementioned, applications are welcome from newly qualified and more experienced teachers. The post is for a temporary Maternity cover and will end when the post holder returns to duties.

What to do next

We hope that these details have helped you decide that you would like to apply for this post. Please fill in the application form and write a letter of no more than two sides about your work so far, and what we would gain if you joined our school.

Send the completed application form and a letter explaining why we should be thinking about appointing you to **Mrs Judith Clarke**, PA to the Headteacher, Trinity School, Strand Road, Carlisle, CA1 1JB or email jcl@trinity.cumbria.sch.uk by 9.00am, **Tuesday 25th November 2025**.

You are welcome to contact us in advance if you would like to know more about us, or have other questions about the post, the school or the area. Please contact Judith Clarke on 01228 403551.

We look forward to receiving your application.



David Samson
Headteacher

