



John Spence

COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Applicant,

We are excited to appoint a passionate teacher to join our well established creative team of 9 dedicated English specialists at a time of some exciting change.

At Key Stage 3, students are taught in mixed ability groups. We read a range of inspirational texts from different contexts and genres to ignite a sense of wonder at the power of the written word, whilst providing students the opportunity to explore different times, people and places. This gives students both an opportunity to foster a love of literature but also to inform an understanding of how English has changed over time and has impacted on the words we use today.

At Key Stage 4, students are taught in ability sets. All students work towards 2 AQA GCSE qualifications studying Shakespeare's 'Macbeth', 'A Christmas Carol' by Robert Louis Stevenson; 'An Inspector Calls' by J.B. Priestley, and a range of poetry from across time on the theme of 'Power and Conflict'.

In line with the whole school ethos and philosophy of 'Fit for Life', our three strand curriculum encourages students to become socially aware through the delivery of skills and knowledge, opportunities to develop communication mastery and an awareness of the community around them, on a local, national and global scale. Through the exploration of a range of topics, from different times and places, our aim is to support students to become considerate, skilled and resilient individuals.

To support students' academic development, we use a range of programmes and interventions such as Accelerated Reader and Bedrock Vocabulary to promote whole school literacy progress

With quality teaching and learning as a whole school and departmental priority, there are opportunities for lively and creative high quality staff development and training.

Best wishes,

Sarah Diggle

Curriculum Leader for English