

# A warm welcome to...

# English Language & Literature

**Head of subject: Mr. Caldwell**

## **Our Team**

The English department at High Storrs is comprised of fourteen wonderful, experienced teachers who all have a great passion for their subject and love being in the classroom!

## **Our Curriculum**

Our KS3 mission is rooted in student engagement and fostering a love of English from the day one of Year 7. In Year 7 students study a new and exciting curriculum titled 'Literature Through Time'. Our objective with this curriculum is to engage students with literature from Ancient Greece all the way through to modern day whilst developing the fundamental reading and writing skills that will take them through to KS4. They will also delve into the context of these time periods through the study of non-fiction texts which will help to develop their writing skills from primary school, as well as aid their understanding of the literature within a given time period.

In Year 8 and Year 9 our mission in English is to build on the skills from Year 7 as well as introducing higher level skills which will prepare them for GCSE. In both years students will study the following at a progressively more challenging level: a Shakespeare text, poetry, a genre of fiction, a non-fiction writing topic, a class novel and linguistics. The first GCSE text is introduced to students in the final term of Year 9 and is currently Shakespeare's 'Macbeth'. Through the Language and Literature GCSEs, students will also study Power and Conflict poetry, a modern text, a 19<sup>th</sup> century text, as well as improving their creative and non-fiction writing skills through the analysis of shorter fiction and non-fiction extracts.

## **Our Results**

Students at High Storrs make excellent progress, and our GCSE results in English are among the best in Sheffield. In each of the last three years, over 90% of students achieved Grade 4 or above and around 85% Grade 5 or above. Around 40% of our students have achieved Grades 7-9 during this period. Our A Level cohorts have shown similar success, with 80% of students in both English Literature and English Language achieving A\*-A in 2022.

## **Our Legacy**

Both English A-levels are very popular and successful courses at High Storrs. English Language students explore how our language has developed over time and how it influences and is influenced by society, studying topics such as dialectology, etymology and language and gender. English Literature students explore a range of challenging and exciting texts and genres across poetry, prose and drama. They analyse texts in context and from a range of critical perspectives.

