

A 'VERY GOOD' Inspection!

In May 2012 the **English Department** was one of the focus areas to be inspected by ETI. We are delighted to report that we were found to be 'very good'!

Three areas were reported on and the findings are listed below:

1. Achievements and Standards

- Outstanding standards in GCSE English Language and English Literature. It was observed that all levels of ability are catered for, with the more able also being suitably stretched.
- Good achievements in Essential Skills in Communication.
- Lovely level of thought in creative work and high standards in presentation and accuracy of written work.
- Good standards in Talking and Listening.

2. Quality of Provision for Teaching and Learning

- All teaching observed was good or very good.
- Excellent planning in KS4 and use of a range of resources.
- Units of work are customised to suit the classes.
- High level of media awareness.
- Interactive whiteboard supports teaching and engages and stimulates pupils.
- High focus on development of communication with effective use of questioning.
- Clear focus on use of group work and development of personal skills.
- Teachers' comments are specific and helpful.
- Very good support provided for those pupils with additional needs in literacy.
- Good literacy support provided by Classroom Assistants.

3. Leadership and Management

- Very good leadership of the HoD.
- HoD has led a team with sustained success at GCSE.
- HoD provides detailed and comprehensive support, with materials that are highly supportive of the range of teachers.
- Analysis of results is thorough and clear. HoD uses data to track and identify underachievement.
- HoD/ Literacy Co-ordinator and SENCo work together as an effective team.

