

ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

A-LEVEL

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

Offering an integrated approach to the study of language and literature, this course, which is highly regarded by all universities (as a facilitating subject) and by employers (as evidence of high level analytical and creative skills), emphasises the development of expertise in writing in a wide variety of genres as well as exposure to a range of literary set texts, making it particularly attractive to students who wish to build on their success in both subjects at GCSE.

You will explore a wide range of written and spoken material in order to gain experience of how language works in various contexts and to assess how variations in language can shape meanings and forms.

You will develop your personal writing skills by adapting material for different audiences and purposes as well as experimenting in original writing and studying spoken language in use. Through the study of set texts from the 16th to the 21st centuries, you will also extend your skills of close textual analysis and develop an increasingly mature response to a range of literature: poetry, prose and drama.

Optional trips to the theatre or cinema (on average one per year) also help to bring the subject to life. Students keen to study both language and literature are advised to choose this combined course, rather than study the two subjects separately.

WHAT NEXT?

A key course for students planning to continue on to university to study subjects including English language and literature, English literature, English studies, law, politics, history, sociology, creative writing, linguistics and teaching.

It also provides a strong grounding for those wishing to pursue many other subject areas at degree level. Alternatively, students may consider direct entry into employment or further training.

ASSESSMENT

Coursework (20%) Exam (80%)

DURATION

2 years

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Standard entry requirements to include grade 5 GCSE English Literature and English Language and grade 4 Maths.

EXAM BOARD

Edexcel

COSTS

£30 per year for textbooks plus optional theatre trips