

ENGLISH LANGUAGE A LEVEL

English Language will appeal to those of you with a general and wide interest in both spoken and written language; in the history of language and how and why it changes; and in how we acquire language. Some of the Course will be entirely new to you; other aspects will continue from the English Language Course at GCSE.

WHY STUDY ENGLISH LANGUAGE AT A LEVEL?

- It encourages you to develop your interests and enjoyment in the use of English through learning more about its structures and functions.
- It enables you to learn to express yourself in speech and writing with increasing competence and sophistication.
- It helps you to understand the use of language in different contexts.
- It allows you to carry out your own research into an area which interests you.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

You will explore the ways in which children acquire language, the change in the English language over time and the connection between language and the media. You will consider the impact of gender, power and technology on language use. Additionally, you will undertake an investigation exploring a topical language issue that you are able to choose yourself, on a topic of interest to you.

HOW WILL I LEARN?

Lessons are varied in style. Sometimes they are teacher-led; there is lots of intensive group work and significant amounts of individual research particularly for coursework and homework. You will be expected to do a significant amount of independent study.

WHERE COULD THIS COURSE TAKE ME?

It will be relevant to all degree courses and to all employment. Universities and employers all value students who understand how language works. You may want to study English at university to take you on to a career in Publishing, the Creative Industries or a Linguistic Speciality Area such as Speech Therapy or Deaf Studies.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	ASSESSMENT COMPONENTS
<p>Standard Entry Requirements including GCSE Grade 5 or above in English Language. You must be fascinated by language use.</p>	<p>Exam Board OCR Code H470</p> <p>Component 01, Exploring Language: exam (two hours 30 minutes), 40% of your A Level grade.</p> <p>Component 02, Dimensions of linguistic variation: exam (two hours 30 minutes), 40% of your A Level grade.</p> <p>Component 03, Independent language research: non exam - assessed in the Academy, 20% of your final grade.</p>

ENGLISH LITERATURE A LEVEL

English Literature will appeal to those of you who have a specific interest in reading and analysing novels, poetry and drama. It will also appeal if you thrive on argument and debate.

WHY STUDY ENGLISH LITERATURE AT A LEVEL?

- It encourages you to develop an interest and enjoyment in literary studies through reading widely, independently and critically.
- It provides you with an introduction to the traditions of English Literature and critical theory.
- It introduces you to a wide range of literature from different cultures and perspectives.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

- Shakespeare: one of his plays, for example Twelfth Night.
- Poetry Pre-1900: for example a selection of the poetry by Coleridge making connections to Pre-1900 Drama: for example Oscar Wilde's An Ideal Husband.
- Post-1900 Poetry, Prose and Drama which will take the form of a coursework folder, which must include at least one text written in 2000 or later, and one text which may be significant or influential text in translation.
- A further unit exploring a range of texts from a specified topic area for example The Gothic.

HOW WILL I LEARN?

Lessons are varied in style; group work will help you to develop discussion skills and the awareness that people do not read in the same way. Independent research and study skills become particularly important in coursework.

WHERE COULD THIS COURSE TAKE ME?

English Literature has always been a highly regarded degree subject. Some people take it as part of a combined honours programme. Many degree students pursue careers in General Management, Research Consultancy and the Public Services, as well as in Publishing and the Creative Industries.

Graduates in English possess skills in written and spoken English, in working independently and in thinking critically; these are skills that are highly valued by employers.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	ASSESSMENT COMPONENTS
<p>Standard Entry Requirements including GCSE Grade 5 or above in English Literature and GCSE Grade 5 or above in English Language. You must enjoy reading and relish the challenges presented by writers who are new to you.</p>	<p>Exam Board OCR Code H472 At A Level: Component 01, Drama and Poetry Pre-1990, exam (two hours 30 minutes) 40% of total A Level. Component 02, Comparative and Contextual study, exam (two hours 30 minutes) 40% of total A Level. Component 03, Literature Post 1900, assessed in school, 20% of total A Level.</p>