

English Language & Literature



About the Subject

The English Language and Literature course offers students variety. They study the thoughts and ideas in non-fiction written and spoken texts, poetry, prose and drama. We consider the purpose, genre and audience for a text but also the attitudes and values of the society at the time it was written. This involves analysing the choices writers make with structure and language, but also involves thinking about the contexts surrounding the production of the texts.

Our English Language and Literature course has always attracted healthy numbers of students. You will be taught by a caring and enthusiastic team who are always on-hand to offer their expertise and guidance.

If you decide to study English Language and Literature with us, you will be studying a wide range of literary texts from different periods in time, including some amazing stories: *Othello*, *The Great Gatsby* and *The Lovely Bones* are all included in the recently reformed programme of study.

"I really enjoy the English Language and Literature course. The English department and teaching staff are approachable and very friendly."

Emily (Year 12)

Course Content

In your first year, you will study the following topics:

- Introduction to Language Study
- Imagined Worlds (*The Lovely Bones*)
- Poetic Voices (Robert Browning)
- Remembered Places (Paris)
- Re-creative writing accompanied by commentary

All units will be assessed at the end of the academic year through external examinations, counting for the entirety of the AS qualification.

As you move into your second year of study, you will study new texts along with the original texts which you started in the first year:

- Writing about Society (*The Great Gatsby*)
- Dramatic Encounters (*Othello*)
- Personal Investigation: students explore a specific technique or theme in both literary and non-literary discourse.

Units of work covered in the second year will be assessed by external examinations (80%) and non-examination assessment (20%).

Entry Requirements

To study English Literature with us, you need to have achieved at least a grade B in GCSE English Language and a grade B in GCSE English Literature.

Career Paths

Publishing; Research; Language therapy; Law; Teaching Journalism; Marketing; Civil service.

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