English Language & Literature

Why choose to study English Language & Literature?

Students with AS or Advanced GCE English language and literature have a wide range of possible career and higher education opportunities. You will learn and use a wide variety of transferable skills during the course. These include responding to literary and on-line texts, developing skills in speaking and writing for different purposes and audiences and identifying and developing the links between different parts of the subject. These skills are in demand from employers and universities and colleges and are also valuable in their own right.

Entrance Requirements

A grade 5 in English, and preferably literature. For A Level, you will need to make comparisons and connections between a range of texts, taking account of social, cultural and historical factors. You will have the opportunity to study modern language and literature texts, as well as texts from the past.

Course Content & Learning Styles

You will analyse real talk as well as set drama, poetry or prose texts, learning about the frameworks that help create a strong narrative voice. At A2, this idea then extends to the study of how writers craft language to create voice in scripts, narratives and verse form. There are many opportunities for creative writing, which will be assessed during the coursework module.

What skills will I develop?

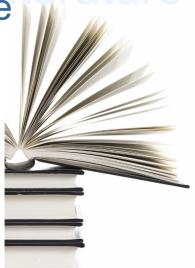
The course develops creative and analytical skills alike. Its skills are those you will need in the future. You will be able to:

- Communicate insights gained from the combined study of literature and language.
- Develop your ability to use linguistic and literary concepts.
- Develop as independent and confident readers.
- Demonstrate your skills in speaking and writing for a variety of specific purposes and audiences.
- Respond to texts of different types and from different periods, making comparisons between them.
- Gain experience of the Key Skills of Communication, Information Technology, Improving Own Learning and Performance and Working With Others.

Progression Opportunities

English language and literature can be studied separately or as a single subject in higher education or can be combined with a wide variety of other subjects. It could form a good basis for study in any arts-based subject in combination with, for example, history, media studies, philosophy, law, politics or foreign languages.

Some students will also use their qualification to go straight into employment rather than into higher education. A very wide range of occupations is open to students with an Advanced GCE in English Language and Literature. The qualification can lead to further training in areas such as journalism, the media or the law.



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