



## Student Achievement 2016

Pass rate: 100% • A\*-C Grades: 88%

**English Language involves studying a range of authentic texts and transcripts taken from everyday sources and a variety of contexts. It considers how texts are designed for particular audiences and purposes. It also involves studying how the dimensions of power, technology, history and age can significantly influence the ways individuals, social groups and institutions communicate.**

**Level:** Level 3

### Specific Course Entry Requirements

College entry to include a grade 5 in GCSE English Language and a grade 5 in GCSE English Literature, if studied (please refer to the Entry Requirements section page 24 for further details).

**Exam Board:** EDUQAS

### What will I study?

The course is designed to sharpen your understanding of how language works, with detailed analysis of language use in a range of texts. You will look at how language can be used to achieve particular effects in different contexts, for different audiences and purposes. You will develop your creative and analytical skills by learning to discuss texts with increasing confidence and precision. You will also acquire knowledge of linguistic frameworks and how these are used to create meaning. You should be willing to justify your ideas during class discussions and in written essays and enjoy working both independently and in a group.

### What is the difference between English Language and English Literature?

These subjects are radically different disciplines that involve practising very different skills. English Literature is about reading, analysing and evaluating poetry, prose and drama, looking at the ways that writers use techniques to create effects. English Language is the study of language taken from everyday sources-this may include spoken and written language. It focuses on how values, attitudes and purposes are revealed through the mechanics of language and how these can vary according to gender, power, time and technology. This is very different from English Language at GCSE.

### How will I be assessed?

You will be assessed through external examinations and coursework.

### Where will this course lead me?

English Language combines well with most subjects and can lead to a wide variety of courses in Higher Education. It prepares you for careers which require good communication skills such as Teaching, Journalism and Media, Advertising, Marketing or Personnel work.

### What support will I receive?

We take pride in the level of support that we offer to students and you will be able to ask for help from any tutor within the department. Additional subject specific supplementary lessons are on offer in addition to having one to one progress reviews with your teacher(s) throughout your time at college.

### What is the department like?

The English department is enthusiastic, energetic and extremely well-qualified, with a broad range of specialisms and interests. We have seven members of staff who teach across courses within the English department. A number of the department are experienced examiners in both literature and language.

### Enrichment opportunities

There are regular opportunities to visit the theatre and cinema in addition to workshops held by Senior Examiners. We also offer trips and visits to places of literary interest and a residential visit to the Lake District to inspire creative writing.

### Head of Department

Chris Chandler

### Tutors

Victoria Marks  
Tobias Lynch  
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