

Future Writers

Elective



The Future Writers programme may be run by the English department but is aimed at all students who enjoy writing creatively. If you have passion and flair for creative writing, this elective will develop your skills of written expression and use of literary technique across a range of writing modes. Whether you are considering a creative writing degree, a career in publishing or just like the idea of writing as a hobby, this elective will provide you with the encouragement and opportunity to express your own ideas and thoughts in a striking and deeply individual manner, while learning a great deal about the power of the written word along the way.

Who should follow the Future Writers programme?

This elective will be open to all students who demonstrate a passion for writing creatively. You will prove this by submitting a piece of creative writing (prose, poetry or drama) to support your application.

What activities can you expect to experience?

- Exploring techniques from a variety of sources to develop your own skills
- Experience of writing prose, poetry and drama - in a range of forms/genres
- Entrance to national writing competitions
- Entrance to 'Poetry by Heart' - a national poetry recitation competition won last year by SJR student Jessica Mason
- Visiting speakers and workshops from established/published writers
- Collaborative writing tasks and performances
- Drafting/editing skills
- Theatre trips

You will develop the following employability skills:

- Written and spoken communication
- Creativity
- Perseverance
- Analysis
- Team work
- Independent working

What about trips and visits?

- Trip to Stratford-upon-Avon to see RSC's King Lear
- Residential two day stay at Hinning House

What will this elective lead to after SJR?

The skills and knowledge gained from the programme will support students in their application for a creative writing degree course should they wish to follow this route. However, all students will gain valuable transferable skills of writing accurately and creatively, planning and editing their own work and responding to constructive feedback, which will support applications to all degree courses and careers. In addition, the programme will provide students with an outlet for creativity which will stay with them for the rest of their lives!