

ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE

A Level English Language and Literature combined takes a linguistic approach to the study of literature. You will study a range of literary and non-literary texts to uncover how language is used for entertainment and public information. Utilising your newly acquired knowledge of grammar and word class, you will learn how to manipulate language for creative and functional purposes.

You will study a range of important poems from the greatest poets writing in the English language, from Marlowe and Shakespeare in the 17th century to pre-war poetry in the 20th century. Our Drama texts include Shakespeare's King Lear and Tennessee Williams' Cat on a Hot Tin Roof. You will learn about the social and political climate of the time in which they were performed and debate issues such as gender, relationships, politics, and so much more. Our prose study includes one of the most important novels in the true crime genre and we cannot wait to share this reading journey with you.

Specific course entry requirements

College entry to include a grade 5 in GCSE English Language and a grade 5 in GCSE English Literature, (please refer to the Entry Requirements section on the college website for further details).

Introduction

Studying English Language and Literature will develop your skills of analysis and enhance your understanding of poetry, prose and drama.

How will I be assessed?

You will be assessed through external examinations and coursework.

What will I study?

During the course you will study a range of literary and non-literary texts, including texts from a range of genres.

You should enjoy reading and exploring wider contexts across a broad range of literature

You should be willing to justify your ideas during class discussions and in written essays, and enjoy working both independently and in groups.

Where will this course lead me?

English Language and Literature is a widely recognised academic subject that can be combined with arts, science or mathematics for entry into Higher Education. It prepares you for careers which require good communication skills such as teaching, law, civil and social services, journalism, media, librarianship and management.