

English Language + Literature A - Level AQA

General Course Information

The course provides a full and coherent integration of literary and linguistic study. It offers students an accessible and stimulating course in which they will engage with a variety of spoken and written texts. The course is suitably demanding, leading students beyond the levels expected at GCSE towards an independence in analysing and commenting on texts, thus providing a firm foundation for study in Higher Education.

We offer a 2 year linear course only in English Language and Literature. This means that you will be examined in Year 13 for the A Level course only.

How is the course assessed?

A Level:

Paper 1: Views and Voices

- Remembered places- the representation of place (open book)
- Imagined worlds- point of view and genre in prose (open book)
- Poetic voices- the forms and functions of poetic voice (open book)
- Methods of language analysis are integrated into the activities

Written exam: 3 hours

100 marks

40% of A-level

Paper 2: People and Places

- Writing about society- the role of the individual in society and re-creative writing based on set texts
- Critical commentary- evaluating own writing
- Dramatic encounters- conflict in drama
- Methods of language analysis are integrated into the activities

2 hours 30 minutes

100 marks

40% of A

Non-exam assessment: Making Connections

- Making connections- investigation on a chosen theme and texts
- Methods of language analysis are integrated into the activity

Assessed by teachers

Moderated by AQA

50 marks

20% of A Level

Who's it for?

A Grade 6 in English Literature is desirable. A love of reading and a fascination with language are important prerequisites; you will be exploring a range of texts on this course, both fiction and non-fiction, and analysing their effectiveness, using precise linguistic and grammatical definitions. You need to display a positive attitude and a healthy curiosity to learn.

Progression

Whether you are taking English Language and Literature because it is your "best subject", your favourite subject or because it combines well with your other A levels, you will find it a perfect preparation for a range of careers, including: advertising, broadcasting, film and stage work, information science and abstracting, journalism, law, librarianship, market research, personnel management, printing, public relations, publishing, secretarial work, speech therapy, teaching, writing, the Civil Service, local government and many others. The more language based study, which this course provides, should prove invaluable if you are considering teaching and will enhance the study of foreign languages.

Just taking the course will provide you with a basic understanding and appreciation of both language and literature, which will stand you in good stead throughout your life, no matter what career you pursue.

And don't forget: most pupils find studying English a really interesting and enjoyable experience. You now have a choice between English Language and Literature and English Literature in the Sixth Form.

Which course will suit **you** best?

