



ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE

A Level

Course Outline

The course takes many of the skills acquired during GCSE to a higher level. To be successful you need to be enthusiastic about reading and studying both literary, non-literary and multimedia texts. An interest in language itself is an advantage. One interesting aspect of the course is the study of the dynamics of speech both in texts and ordinary conversation. Although you will need to learn some technical language terms there are many entertaining ways to fulfil this requirement. Many of the set texts are modern and deal with universal issues of interest to young people.



Useful skills and experience

Good essay writing skills are vital as is an ability to contribute to lively class discussions. You should enjoy using and manipulating language and be organised and committed to your chosen subjects.



How will I learn?

Hopefully a major factor in your learning will be a genuine enjoyment of the subject and thorough textual study. We study a wide variety of different texts centred around on the theme Paris; a novel 'Frankenstein', the play 'A Streetcar Named Desire', 'The Great Gatsby' and a poetry anthology. Note-taking and annotation are key skills which you will develop as the course progresses. The library is one of our essential resources and we like our students to be able to research independently using ICT where appropriate as well as developing independent learning through Google Classroom.



Assessment

Ongoing assessment will be through essays and written responses.

There will be two examinations at the end of the course in Year 13, as well as the Non-examined assessment.



Where could this subject take me?

Former students have undertaken successful study and careers in areas as diverse as journalism, marketing, advertising, Law, digital media, teaching and acting.



Exam Board and Specification

AQA



Entry Notes

Grade 4 in both GCSE English Language and GCSE English Literature



Complementary Subjects

- Media Studies
- Film
- History
- Modern Foreign Languages
- Drama and Theatre
- Psychology
- Philosophy and Ethics
- Visual Arts



Related Additional Activities

- Senior Youth Speaks
- Theatre visits to the PAC
- Visiting authors/writers
- Short Story competitions
- Writing for the Grammlogue
- English Prefect



What our students say

I really love English Language and Literature because I like the variety of learning you can obtain. There is no limit on eras or social expectations. I also love the creative writing element.

