

English Language and Literature

'A' Level

WJEC – AS (Advanced Subsidiary) / 'A' Level (Advanced)
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You should do this course if.....

You really enjoy reading poetry, fiction and drama; you are willing to read a diverse range of non-literary texts; you are enthusiastic to join in discussing and analysing texts; you want to discover much more about the language of English.

It is assumed that all students who choose this course read diversely outside the syllabus. 'Reading' will include fiction and non-fiction, newspapers, TV and (talk) Radio.

Skills you will develop on this course

You will enhance your ability to read, comprehend and analyse texts; you will learn more sophisticated ways of writing, both analytically and creatively.

You will become able to write in a variety of formats for specific audiences.

Topics studied

UNIT 1 - (AS) Examination 2.5hrs. Critical Reading of Literary/Non-Literary Texts.

Section A: Poetry Anthology
Section B: Prose (Open Text) Capote: *In Cold Blood* + Carey: *True History Of The Kelly Gang*.

UNIT 2 - (AS) Coursework. Creative Writing

Folder of 3,500 words/ 4 pieces of work.
Section A: Literary + Non-Literary + 1 extra.
Section B: Commentary on two pieces of work from Section A.

UNIT 3 – (A2) Coursework Analysing & Producing Performance Texts.

Section A: Shakespeare's *Hamlet* + one other play.
Section B: Write two original texts for performance plus evaluation.

UNIT 4 – (A2) Examination 2.5hrs Comparative Textual Analysis & Review.

Section A: Analytical comparison of 3 unseen texts
Section B: Reviewing ways of approaching texts using Bronte's *Wuthering Heights*.

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How will you learn?

Analysis of texts in class, audience research, handouts, audio/dvd as appropriate, theatre/conference visits, student led seminars.
Extended reading.

You will be expected to read a wide range of newspapers, magazines and other non-literary texts.

Where does the course lead?

English is a very flexible subject and fits with many other AS/A Levels. It follows that there are many careers – direct and indirect – which may follow from the study of English. University, Journalism, Publishing, Advertising, Research, Teaching, Public Relations, Law and Business are just a few possibilities.

Assessment and Exams

During the course, your work will be marked using the criteria from the syllabus. There will be homework most weeks. Coursework will be completed as home and class work. Emphasis will be placed on developing strong coursework and other skills. There will be regular timed tests to help you focus on examination technique and to assess your strengths.

The exam/coursework details are outlined above and will be given appropriate emphasis during the course.

Entry Requirements

5C's at GCSE including English Language and preferably English Literature.

You must be prepared to learn to analyse and write clearly and accurately, but most importantly you must have the motivation and commitment which the subject requires.