

ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE A LEVEL

Course Information

English Language and Literature draws on the academic field of Stylistics to create an integration of English Language and Literature, and brings together literary and non-literary modes of communication. You will be given opportunities to develop your subject expertise by engaging creatively, critically and independently with a wide range of texts. Using literary and linguistic concepts and methods, you will analyse literary and non-literary texts in a range of modes and genres. In the process, you will gain insights into the nature of different discourses and ideas about creativity. Alongside developing your skills of interpreting others' texts, you will produce texts yourself and critically reflecting upon your own processes of production.

Component 1: Telling Stories – 40% of A-Level. There are 3 main areas of study bin this unit: Remembered places (currently a collection of non-fiction texts, connected by the theme of Paris), Imagined worlds (prose study), Poetic voices (a collection of poems within an Anthology).

Component 2: Exploring Conflict – 40% of A-Level. There are 3 main areas of study bin this unit: Writing about society (prose study and creative writing assessment), Critical commentary (evaluating own writing from Writing about society), Dramatic encounters (drama study).

Component 3: Non-exam assessment: Making Connections. You will undertake a personal investigation that explores a specific technique or theme in both literary and non-literary discourse. You investigation will be between 2,500–3,000 words.

Entry Requirements

This is an interesting but challenging course and is highly regarded by all universities. Students will need to have a genuine interest in the study of language, a love of reading (especially non-fiction), and a desire to discuss their opinions and critical ideas. A grade 6 in GCSE English and English Literature is required.

Career Pathway

Jobs directly related to your degree include: Editorial assistant, English as a foreign language teacher, Lexicographer, Magazine journalist, Newspaper journalist, Primary school teacher, Secondary school teacher and Writer.

Jobs where your degree would be useful include: Academic librarian, Advertising account executive, Advertising copywriter, Arts administrator, Information officer, Marketing executive, Public relations officer and Records manager.

Should you like to receive any additional information on this course please contact Mrs S Kelley - Head of Department