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Why English Language and Literature?

This exciting course has a rich variety and a thought-provoking range of literary and linguistic texts including novels, plays, poetry and 'real-world' texts such as articles, speeches and travel writing. You will learn to interpret, analyse and discuss a vast range of topics and issues. You will also develop your creative writing skills, inspired by the writers you are studying and learn how to critically evaluate your own work.

Assessment

40% - Paper 1

Telling Stories – An Anthology of texts – 1 prose, 1 poetry

40% - Paper 2

Exploring Conflict – 1 drama, Re-creative writing.

20% - Coursework – Making Connections (2,500-3,000 words)

Recommended Reading

We may be studying any of the following: *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood, *The Lovely Bones* by Alice Sebold, *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald, *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini and *A Streetcar Named Desire* by Tennessee Williams.

York Notes Study Guides.

The Art of Writing English Literature Essays: for A level and Beyond by M Meally

A/AS level English Language and Literature for AQA Student Book by M Giovanelli.

Recommended Entry Requirements

Grade 5 GCSE English Literature and English Language

Enjoy reading for study and pleasure

Future Pathways

University degrees, apprenticeships and careers in Journalism and the Media, Publishing, Teaching, Advertising, Marketing, PR, Law and Business.

Complementary A Levels

History, Politics, Philosophy Ethics & Religion, Psychology, Sociology.

Extra & Super Curricular

We aim to see at least one of the studied texts in performance and we encourage opportunities to attend readings, cinema screenings and literary conferences.

“The course really helps to develop the skills learnt at GCSE, enabling you to understand texts on a much greater level.”