

A Level English Language and Literature

Why study English Language and Literature?

“Just think what you're dealing with. The majesty and grandeur of the English language, its greatest possession we have”

George Bernard Shaw (playwright)

A level English Language and Literature allows progression for those that enjoyed analysing texts and writing creatively at Key Stages 3 and 4. In the Language component, students will hone their ability to express themselves in a range of written styles for a range of audiences as a skill that can be applied to the breadth of writing tasks encountered in the professional world of work or academia. For Literature, through studying a number of genres and forms, students will develop their expertise in deconstructing the intricate nuances within a writer's craft, analysing the power of structure and language. Indeed, to study Language and Literature is to study our everyday communication and interaction.

What is the course structure?

A Level (4 units of study)	
Unit details (Exam)	1. Exploring non-fiction written and spoken texts 2. The language of poetry and plays 3. Reading as a writer, writing as a reader
What you study (Exam)	Language x Non-fiction spoken and written texts (from an anthology) x Narrative creative writing (writing own fiction) Literature: x Prose: F Scott Fitzgerald
Unit details (Coursework)	4. Non-examined assessment x Independent study: analysing and producing texts
What you study (Coursework)	x Comparative essay on two texts from a prescribed list (one must be post-2000) x An original piece of non-fiction writing

Who is the examining body?

OCR English Language and Literature (EMC)

Specification and other information can be found at www.ocr.org.uk

