

English Language and Literature



About the course

Studying the combined A level gives you the best of both worlds, it is a natural progression from GCSE and it allows you to develop all of the skills you have already shown.

During the two year course you will read and discuss some fantastic pieces of literature to help you to become a more analytical reader. In year 12 the emphasis is on telling stories and how and why people tell stories. To do this we will be reading *Dracula*. We read this to explore the methods Bram Stoker uses to create a sense of place and character and why this novel is a product of the very late 19th century. Also in year 12 we look at how Carol Ann Duffy creates strong voices in poetry. Duffy was poet laureate and is still writing poetry. All of her poetry is focused on the individual and their experiences and studying her poetry is like reading a short story. Both of these texts appear in an exam at the end of year 13.

During year 12 we will also dip in and out of a non-fiction anthology which contains lots of prose texts about Paris. This is also on the exam at the end of year 13 and you will be given two extracts from the anthology to compare.

Assessment

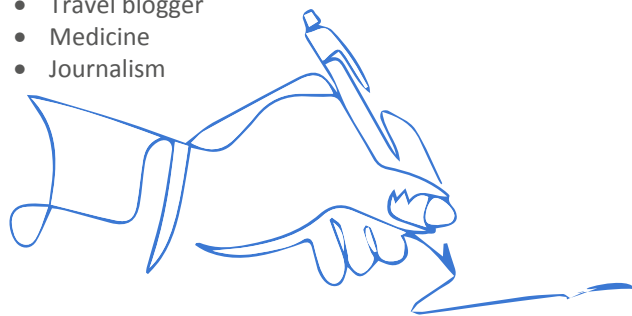
Your assessment will consist of two exams at the end of year 13 and a NEA which is a thematic comparison of two texts, one a novel which you can choose yourself and the other a non-literary text which shares a key theme with your novel. This non-literary text can take the form of journalism, autobiography or film script amongst other things. The NEA allows you the freedom to follow something of interest to you and explore how writers use language differently to create meaning.

Careers

Students who have studied the combined English A Level in the past have become journalists and teachers. The study of English lends itself to a wide range of careers from publishing to researching and writing reports. This A level is a great compliment to a range of other subjects as it develops the key skills you need to be successful at university and beyond and previous students have attended university to study English, Drama, Neuro Sciences and a range of other subjects after being successful in this A level.

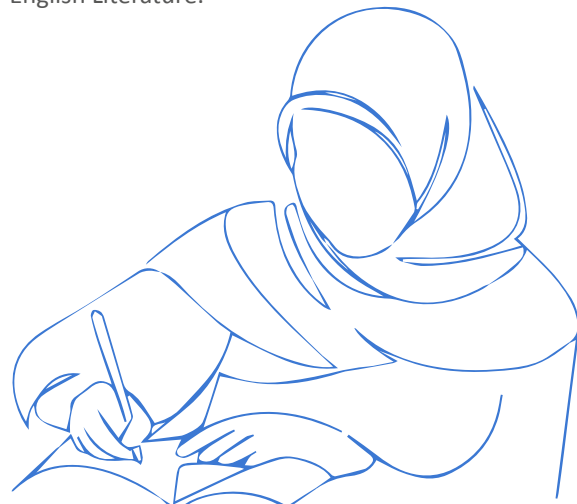
Possible careers include:

- Supporting a local MP's campaign / becoming chief press officer for a key government department
- Travel blogger
- Medicine
- Journalism



Entry Requirements

To study the combined English A level you need to achieve a minimum of 5 in English Language and 5 in English Literature.



Find Out More

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