

English Literature & Language

[Level 3: AS / A2]

AQA

INTRODUCTION:

Do you have a love of Language and enjoy the challenges novels, plays and poetry offer? Then A' Level Language & Literature could be the right course for you!

We would like you to have an interest in analysing a range of literary texts, whilst having the ability to engage creatively and critically when exploring and interpreting the meaning within texts.

You will have the opportunity to learn the frameworks of language and to consider how these affect your interpretations.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS / SUITABILITY:

Students are required to have achieved a Grade 6 in both GCSE English Literature and GCSE English Language.

Candidates who study this course must have a love of reading! You need to be interested in creative writing and enjoy exploring language. The course requires you to have the ability to construct a critical argument and select precise quotations from a text. Independent learning and research is an important.

CONTENT:

Year 12

Component 1: Candidates will study an Anthology of various texts

Component 2: Candidates will study one of their set texts (Shakespeare's 'Othello')
Candidates will complete two pieces of creative writing for their coursework folder. A commentary will also need to be completed.

Year 13

Component 3: Voices in Speech and Writing
Candidates will study an Anthology and a play (e.g. 'Top Girls' by Caryl Churchill).

Component 4: Varieties in Language & Literature
Candidates will study two texts (e.g. 'The Great Gatsby' by F. Scott Fitzgerald and 'Othello' by Shakespeare). There will also be an unseen element to the exam.

LEADS TO:

Studying Language and Literature means you can go on to pursue careers in a diverse range of roles and sectors. Often English graduates will choose to utilise their strong communication skills, along with their detailed knowledge of the written word. Popular career options are Journalism and jobs within the media industry. Graduates in English are able to use their skills to work within editorial or production within print, online or broadcast media. Publishing careers are also another popular option for those who have a love of Language and Literature.

ASSESSMENT:

Year 13 Paper 1	External written exam (weighting: 40%)	Length of exam: 150mins
Year 13 Paper 2:	External written exam (weighting: 40%)	Length of exam: 150mins
Year 13 : Coursework (weighting: 20%)		