

## WHAT WILL I STUDY?

The English Language & Literature course encourages students to consider how the linguistic choices made by writers and speakers are shaped by context. For example, how and why will the language chosen when constructing a website about Paris differ from that used when chatting to a friend about Paris? Students will explore the relationship between language and context across a wide range of texts from journalistic pieces to social media, prose fiction and plays. There will also be the opportunity to write creatively and to analyse your own writing. Text choice varies but some of the texts currently studied are: *Into the Wild* by Jon Krakauer, *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood and *A Streetcar Named Desire* by Tennessee Williams.

Students pick one aspect of study that particularly interests them and produce a piece of coursework based on this and using texts of their choice.

### **A Level, students will develop the skills to:**

- apply relevant methods for text analysis, drawing on linguistic and literary fields
- apply varied strategies for reading and listening according to text type and purpose for study
- identify and describe how meanings and effects are created and conveyed in texts
- explore connections across a wide range of texts
- use English appropriately, accurately and creatively
- use a range of techniques to produce and evaluate the effectiveness of texts for different audiences and purposes, informed by wide reading and listening
- make accurate reference to texts and sources

## HOURS OF STUDY (FORTNIGHTLY)

9 hours of lesson time  
6 hours independent learning

## SPECIALIST FACILITIES

Fully resourced dedicated classrooms

## ASSESSMENT

Assessment will be in the form of final examinations at the end of the two year course, alongside a piece of independently produced coursework.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

English Language and Literature has always been regarded by employers and universities as a qualification of quality. Advanced reading and communication skills are held in high esteem and are always in great demand.

As a route to Higher Education, English A Levels complement a range of degree courses such as History, Politics, Law, Business Studies, Social Sciences, Psychology and Philosophy, Media Studies and Film Studies. As career enhancers, A Level English Language and Literature can open up opportunities for students wishing to join public services like the police, welfare agencies and local government. The courses are also ideal preparation for careers in the media, marketing, teaching and the legal profession.

The communication skills that develop during the A Level English Language and Literature course provide students with a clear advantage when they embark on their chosen career. In fact, there are very few careers at which English Language and Literature students cannot excel.



## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs, or equivalent, grade 5 or above are required for entry into Sixth Form to study A Level.

Grade 5 GCSE or above is required in English Language and English Literature.