

## WHAT WILL I STUDY?

### Course context

The **combined Literature and Language A Level** is a new course for us at Teign Sixth Form College, bringing together some of the most fascinating aspects of both English Literature and English Language in one qualification. Previously, we have taught the two subjects separately, with excellent outcomes; however, with a limit to the number of A Levels you can take, students have often found it hard to choose between them when they'd really like to do both. We know from colleagues in other schools how enjoyable and successful this combined Lit/Lang course is.

The English Department is currently in the process of reading and choosing texts from the specification, so we are unable to share specific text choices with you at the moment – watch this space! The possible texts are diverse and exciting, covering a wide range of authors and contexts right up to the present day. Over the two years, you will study:

- An anthology of non-fiction texts across different time periods and contexts;
- A collection of poetry by a single author (such as Emily Dickinson, Eavan Boland or Jacob Sam-La Rose);
- A play (such as Othello by Shakespeare, Jerusalem by Jez Butterworth, or The Importance of Being Earnest by Oscar Wilde);
- A novel (such as Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe, Atonement by Ian McEwan, or The Namesake by Jhumpa Lahiri);
- Linguistic concepts and analytical frameworks that help us to understand how text and language 'works' – phonology, lexis, semantics, grammar, morphology, pragmatics and discourse;
- The narrative techniques required to successfully develop your own creative writing.

Through this classroom-based study, you will build the knowledge and skills needed to complete the Non-Exam Assessment (NEA – or coursework), which consists of an analytical essay on non-fiction writing (such as Allie Brosh's Hyperbole and a Half, Jenny Diski's Skating to Antarctica, or Solomon Northrop's Twelve Years a Slave), and creating your own piece of original non-fiction writing.

## ASSESSMENT

There will be 3 written examinations at the end of the 2 years of study, totalling 5 hours. Between them, they assess a wide range of the knowledge and skills taught on the course, through both analytical and creative writing.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

English is a hugely facilitating subject for further study and career options. Developing a wide knowledge base of texts and contexts, a deep understanding of how language works, analytical thought and clear communication, your knowledge and skills will be in high demand!

## HOURS OF STUDY (FORTNIGHTLY)

9 hours of lesson time

6 hours independent learning

## SPECIALIST FACILITIES

OCR English Language and Literature H474



## 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.