

# English Language and Literature

## A Level

**Duration:** Two Years

### **Why Should You Take This Course?**

English Language and Literature takes a different approach to language from that taken in both GCSE English Language and English Literature. You will learn a whole new terminology to help you understand how language works. Then you will apply this new knowledge to the analysis of a wide range of texts, both written and spoken. We study an anthology of non-fiction texts such as travel writing, autobiography, spoken and online texts. We also apply the new approaches to texts to a range of modern literary texts. While the course mainly takes a traditional approach of assessment through analytical essays, there is also the opportunity to respond to texts in a more creative way, through rewriting extracts from a different perspective.

### **Course Content**

#### **Year 1:**

An anthology of non-fiction texts focused on Paris

*The Handmaid's Tale* – Margaret Atwood

*Mean Time* –Carol Ann Duffy

#### **Year 2:**

*The Great Gatsby* – F. Scott Fitzgerald

*A Streetcar Named Desire* – Tennessee Williams

Non-examined Assessment: a comparative study of a literary and non-literary text.

### **How will I be assessed?**

Two exams and a non-examined assessment: a comparative study of a literary and non-literary text (worth 20% of the final grade).

### **Are there any special expenses?**

Students will be advised which texts they will need to purchase for the course, all of which are readily available from booksellers and online sites.

### **What could I do next?**

Universities and employers' value and respect an A Level in English Language and Literature. Former students have gone on to study a wide variety of degree courses in Humanities at University and into careers such as in Journalism, Law, Teaching and Social Work.

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## Entry Requirements

At least 5 GCSEs graded 9-5 including English. Grade 6 in GCSE English Language and/or Literature preferred.



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