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# ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (A LEVEL)

## AIMS OF THE COURSE

English Language and Literature is a stimulating course which blends critical analysis of literary texts and their contexts with an appreciation of the linguistic techniques utilised by writers to create effects. Alongside more traditional novels, plays and poetry, students will also engage with a rich vein of multi-modal texts and work creatively to produce and critique their own creative writing.

## COURSE OUTLINE AND CONTENT

| Assessment | Overview                         | Marks | %  |
|------------|----------------------------------|-------|----|
| 2:30       | Telling Stories                  | 100   | 40 |
| 2:30       | Exploring Conflict               | 100   | 40 |
|            | Non-Examination Assessment (NEA) | 50    | 20 |

This course combines elements of both the English language and English literature A levels. Using literary texts as a backdrop, students will explore concepts of storytelling, including worldbuilding and voice, as well as representations of conflict, critical commentary and dramatic encounters. Texts include Dracula, Othello and The Kite Runner.

## WHAT SKILLS WILL I LEARN?

Students will engage critically and creatively with a wide range of texts with a focus on how language creates and communicates meaning. The course also aims to build critical awareness of the social, cultural and historical contexts in which texts are produced as well as their audiences and purposes. Students will gain an expansive vocabulary and understanding

of linguistic and literary techniques as well as strengthen their written communication and expression. Crucially, students will learn not only to become critical readers of texts but also effective producers and interpreters, reflecting on their own processes of production.

## POSSIBLE CAREER PATHS

Students who study A level English Language and Literature go on to pursue careers in writing, journalism, editing, publishing, law, teaching, broadcasting, media, psychology and social work.

## ADDITIONAL EXAM BOARD DETAILS

<https://tinyurl.com/4netme6c>

## PREVIOUS GRADES

Exam Board: AQA

|       | A* | A | B | C | D | E | U | X | Totals |
|-------|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|--------|
| 2022† | 2  | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7      |
| 2023  | 1  | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3      |
| 2024  | 0  | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6      |

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- 5 GCSE grades 4-9 including Mathematics and English Language
- Grade 6 in English Language
- Grade 5 in English Literature

## QUOTE

*"The study of English Language and Literature is the gateway to understanding linguistic concepts, cultures and unlocking creativity. English Language and Literature encourages literary detection at its finest - an awareness and appreciation of how the intricacies of language builds meaning, mood and message."*