

Examination Board: OCR

A-level English Language & Literature will enable students to:

- Apply concepts and methods from integrated linguistic and literary study as appropriate, using associated terminology and coherent written expression.
- Analyse ways in which meanings are shaped in texts.
- Demonstrate understanding of the significance and influence of the contexts in which texts are produced and received.
- Explore connections across texts, informed by linguistic and literary concepts and methods.
- Demonstrate expertise and creativity in the use of English to communicate in different ways.

Component 1 - Exploring non-fiction and spoken texts (1 hour exam, worth 16%)

Exploring non-fiction and spoken texts (Component 01) focuses on an anthology of 20 spoken and written texts from different time periods, types of text and contexts. Texts in the anthology will be refreshed after three years and centres will be notified in advance. A balance of spoken and written, historical and contemporary texts will be maintained.

Component 2 - The language of poetry and plays (2 hour exam, worth 32%)

Study of one substantial poetry text from a list of six (15 poems prescribed for each text).
Study of one drama text from a choice of six.

Component 3 - Reading as a writer, writing as a reader (2 hour exam, worth 32%)

Reading as a writer - focuses on the nature of narrative in one prose fiction text from a choice of six.
Writing as a reader - requires the learners to draw upon their understanding of how narratives work as the basis for their own original writing in the genre of narrative, together with a commentary.

Component 4 - Independent study: analysing and producing texts (coursework, worth 20%) - two texts

At least one of the two texts must be chosen from a given list, and at least one text must have been published post-2000.

Extracurricular - The English Department offers a real-world writing enrichment that complements the creative written elements of the A-level course. There will also be a number of competitions throughout the school year for writing in different forms.

The Sixth Form Literary society run half-termly book clubs and enjoy a host of activities run by the English Department including theatre trips to London and Stratford. From 2019 there will be a designated Sixth Form English scholar, who will be instrumental in keeping such ventures fresh and relevant. There is also a successful Sixth Form Debating club, currently run by an English teacher.

Entry Requirements - You should enjoy the subject and be prepared to read outside the specification. You should look forward to exploring new literary texts, and have a genuine interest in how language and society interact and shape one another. We would expect you to have a Grade 6 or above at GCSE English Language and English Literature.