

English Language and Literature and Literature

Pathway 1

Course description:

English Language and Literature combines the best elements of GCSE English Language and GCSE English Literature and brings them together in one exciting, challenging and rewarding course. If you enjoy the opportunity to read and write, and you want to develop your skills further as a critical reader and writer, then this is the course for you. It is regarded by universities (including Russell Group) as an enabling, academic subject.

Qualifications required:

- In line with the entry requirements for a Pathway 1 subject.
- Grade 6 in GCSE English Language or Literature.

Aims of the course:

You will learn how to analyse and respond to the spoken and written word. This means that you will study literary texts and other texts, including a range of non-fiction. Your writing skills will develop and you will have the chance to develop your skills as an independent learner.

Future prospects:

English Language and Literature combines well with both arts and science subjects. It is well received and valued by universities and employers as it develops important skills of communication, analysis, problem solving and independent thinking. It could lead to many degree subjects although perhaps if you are considering a career in journalism, law, media, publishing, marketing, business or even teaching this could be an ideal subject to pursue.

Student feedback:

"I've really enjoyed the variety of texts that we get the chance to study."

"I like the fact I got so much freedom to develop as a writer during the course."

Subject Teachers:

Mrs K. Gunn, Mrs S. Harcup, Miss G Berrill

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Methods of Assessment:

2 external examinations at the end of the chosen course.

Additional coursework unit. Marked internally and moderated externally.

Features of the course:

- It allows students to develop as independent, confident and reflective readers and writers.
- The course encourages students to develop their interest in both written and spoken language and literature as connected areas of study.
- The course actively encourages students to write for a variety of purposes and audiences.

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Component 1: Voices in Speech and Writing

Students study:

- *Voices in Speech and Writing: An Anthology*
- one drama text from a prescribed list e.g. *All My Sons* by Arthur Miller, *The History Boys* by Alan Bennett

Assessment: written examination, lasting 2 hours 30 minutes. (40% of the total qualification)

Component 2: Varieties in Language and Literature

Students study:

- a wide range of non-fiction texts on their chosen theme, in preparation for responding to an unseen text
 - Compare two literary texts from a chosen theme e.g. Society and the Individual.
- Example texts include *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott. Fitzgerald and *A Raisin in the Sun* by Lorraine Hansberry

Assessment: written examination, lasting 2 hours 30 minutes. (40% of the total qualification)

Coursework: Investigating and Creating Texts

Students study:

- a chosen topic (free choice- previous examples include dystopias, the afterlife and future technologies)
- two texts relating to their chosen topic; one fiction and one non-fiction text.

Assignment 1 – **two** pieces of original writing: one piece of fiction writing and one piece of creative non-fiction writing.

Assignment 2 – **one** analytical commentary reflecting on their studied texts and the pieces of writing they have produced.

(20% of the total qualification)