English Language and Literature



We offer a combined two-year Language and Literature A Level course. This option allows students who enjoy the language option at GCSE to continue their exploration into the power of words.

The majority of the course is examination-assessed apart from a personal investigation (non-exam assessment) that the students undertake in year 13 which is worth 20% of their A Level course.

A Level Examination

Paper 1: Telling Stories

3 hours examination

Section A – Remembered Places

One compulsory question on the AQA Anthology: Paris. Closed book examination

Section B – Imagined Worlds

One question from a choice of two on prose set text. Open book examination. (Compulsory Purchase: The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood, Vintage Books. Approx. Cost: £8.50)

Section C – Poetic Voices One question from a choice of two on poetry set text. Open book examination 40% of total A Level marks

Paper 2: Exploring Society

2 hours 30 minutes examination

Section A – Writing about Society

One piece of re-creative writing using set text followed by a critical commentary Open book examination. (Compulsory Purchase: The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald, Penguin Modern Classics. Approx. Cost: £5.50)

Section B – Dramatic Encounters

One question from a choice of two on drama set text Open book examination. (Compulsory Purchase: Othello by William Shakespeare, Cambridge School Shakespeare. Approx. Cost: £7.50) **40% of total A Level marks**

Non-exam assessment: Making Connections

A personal investigation that explores a specific technique or theme in both literary and non-literary discourse (2,500-3,000 words) 20% of total A Level Marks

(Compulsory Purchase: Much Ado About Nothing by William Shakespeare, Cambridge School Shakespeare. Approx. Cost: £7.50)