



English Language and Literature

One year AS/ Two year A level.

This course integrates the study of language and literature and there is opportunity for students to develop their original writing skills. Text transformation is covered in the second year. There will be a strong focus on how language changes, through the study of literary texts related by theme but created a century apart. Students will study a Shakespeare play concentrating particularly on the talk and interaction between characters and how this compares to our everyday language interactions. A close comparison of the spoken word through transcripts and extracts from drama, poetry and prose forms another key component of the course.

Requirements:

The College minimum to start an advanced level course is one grade B and four grade Cs at GCSE. Students wishing to undertake this course require grade C or above in GCSE English Language and grade C or above in GCSE English Literature if studied previously. The student will also be expected to meet the Average Points Score for this subject.

This subject will focus on:

- changes in language and literature;
- talk in life and literature;
- close analysis of a drama text;
- text transformations; and
- close analysis of a range of texts for different audiences and purposes.

You can expect to:

- develop original writing skills throughout both years;
- develop techniques of textual analysis; and
- develop an understanding of how context affects meaning.

Method of assessment:

Assessment is by examination and coursework.

Progression:

The course provides the opportunity to progress to Higher Education.

Other information:

Student feedback on this course includes: "The original creative writing inspired me – it encouraged me to do further research as it is completely my responsibility to make it successful", "the course is well organised and it was easy to access resources through Moodle" and "the coursework booklets prepared by tutors are really useful, they helped break down easily and clearly what needs to be in each section of your exam response."

English Language and Literature had a 100% pass rate at A2 and 98% at AS in 2009.