

English

A-Level English Literature & Language

Subject English Literature and Language

Exam Board WJEC Eduqas

Specification Numbers A710U

Teachers Responsible Miss Martin

Introduction English Literature and Language builds upon the foundations of GCSE. This is a 2 year course.

We cannot avoid communication, whether it's the daily barrage of information from various platforms, speaking and listening to others or reading subject-specific material in the classroom. It makes perfect sense that understanding how we communicate is one of the key skills we all require. And to excel at it? Well, that would be invaluable. English Language and Literature at A-Level aims to do exactly that: to help us to learn and understand the various ways in which we communicate through language, from conversational to formal spoken language, and literature, from non-fiction to fiction texts. If you have an interest in the world around you, in reading and writing and communicating, then this is the subject for you.

Aims of the Course Students will learn how to:

- Develop and apply understanding of concepts and methods appropriate for the analysis and study of language;
- Use integrated linguistic and literary terminology in the reading and interpretation of texts; Understand how language works in context, focusing on how the texts were constructed and received;
- Reflect on the connections between the various elements of their study, enabling them to explore how meaning is created;
- Engage creatively and critically with a wide range of texts;
- Develop skills as producers and interpreters of language;
- Make accurate references to texts and sources.

How You Are Assessed Three exams will take place at the end of the two year course: two worth 30% of the overall A-Level grade and the other worth 20% of the overall grade.

Students will also complete a personal investigation, worth 20% of the overall grade. The non-exam assessment element is a folder containing THREE pieces of work: a critical study and two pieces of creative writing (1 literary and 1 non-literary) with a total COMBINED word count of 3000-3500 words.

Links to Future Careers This A-Level encourages students to be critical analysts of the world around them. Students will be able to appreciate the construction of language and meaning in a plethora of texts, including prose, poetry, drama and non-fiction. Students will become widely read in a range of different genres. This course provides students with the opportunity to complete independent study to University standards. Literature and Language are integrated on this course and thus students reap the benefits of gaining skills in investigative and theoretical discussion, suitable for a wealth of career paths.

Entry Requirement

Grade 6 and Grade 5 in GCSE English Language and English Literature (in either order)