

English Language & Literature (AQA)

ABOUT THE COURSE

A Level English Language and Literature will give you an opportunity to explore both subjects in a critical and engaging way. It is not just a theoretical subject, its theories and issues can be applied to the outside world by increasing your analytical, comparative and evaluative skills.

Genre, narrative, storytelling and point of view are at the heart of this specification, with the four main areas of AS considering Imagined Worlds, Poetic Voices, Remembered Places and Re-creative Writing. Imagined Worlds considers point of view and genre in written prose, and at Scarisbrick Hall, we have picked up the study of *The Lovely Bones*. Poetic Voices considers the forms and functions of the poetic voice in a wide range of detail with the study of the late and great Seamus Heaney. Remembered Places considers the importance of place in texts, and the anthology *Paris* is provided for study. Finally, students will produce their own re-creative writing piece, with stimulus material from the anthology and will evaluate their own work with a critical commentary.

KEY FEATURES

- In depth and rich study of various genres and points of view
- Consideration of different forms of poetry, drama and prose
- Evaluation of the storytelling process
- Simple, straightforward assessment with an opportunity for independent study
- Study of up to date literary criticism which is excellent preparation for an English Literature degree
- Opportunities to become deeply aware of the construction and origins of our language

WHY CHOOSE A LEVEL ENGLISH LANGUAGE?

Whilst studying English Language and Literature at Scarisbrick Hall, students will complete analysis, essay style work, textual response questions; however there are also many opportunities for practical work including group presentations, paired work and individually assessed investigation work.

Sources of information include novels, plays, poems, text-books, the internet, newspapers, magazines, periodicals and a variety of digital media relating to English Language and Literature study.

Have you ever wondered?

- How to be critical when reading a novel, play or poem?
- How to really appreciate, understand and enjoy the study of linguistic and literary frameworks?
- What makes good storytelling?
- How to independently study and appreciate texts?
- How to write a cogent and analytical essay?
- How to recreate one text into another form?

Study A Level English Language to find out the answers!



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HOW YOUR WORK IS ASSESSED

- 80% exam based
- 2 x 1 hour 30 minutes closed book exams for the AS on 'Imagined Worlds' and 'Remembered Places', and then 2x 2 hours 30 minutes exam papers (taken at the end of the course) based on 'Telling Stories' and 'Exploring Conflict'.
- An opportunity to follow your own line of language interest through a piece of non-exam assessment called 'Making Connections' that is worth 20% of the grade.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

The subject requires a good level of literacy: reading analytically and essay writing skills. You need an ability to analyse and evaluate different forms of texts, but this course will work and build on your skill base here that is already established from GCSE.

WHERE CAN A LEVEL ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEAD YOU?

Many English Language students go on to study English Language or media related degrees. It provides:

An excellent base for university degrees such as English Language, Drama, Media Studies and other creative subjects. Careers with an English Language degree are diverse and have high earning potential.

A range of career possibilities including journalism, PR, marketing, advertising and teaching and other business type roles like HR and project management.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

- An interesting, varied and fun learning experience which includes debates, lively discussions, presentations, varied text analysis, guest speakers, the use of the internet and social media.
- The opportunity to put your ideas, opinions, independent and critical thinking skills to practical use.
- The development of transferable skills which are relevant to the world we live in – problem solving, creative thinking, research, evaluation, communication, personal development and decision-making.
- Opens up a range of possibilities in the world of work, creative industries and further and higher education
- A valuable and well-respected entrance qualification for university

Are you?

Wanting to study for an English degree at university?

Wanting to enrich your knowledge of various English Language texts?

**Wanting to develop your creative writing and essay writing skills?
Wanting to move into a creative job or future?**

An independent thinker with lots of ideas and opinions?

Wanting to add value to your other A Levels?

Thinking of a career in media or the creative industries?

If so, A Level English Language is for you!

