



Combined English (Language and Literature)

Examination Board

- Edexcel

Course Content

The Edexcel A Level in English Language and Literature will require students to develop and apply their knowledge of literary analysis and evaluation of a range of literary and non-fiction texts. It will also require students to:

- use linguistic and literary approaches in their reading and interpretation of texts, showing how the two disciplines can relate to each other
- engage creatively and critically with a wide range of texts
- explore the ways in which texts relate to each other and the contexts in which they are produced and received
- develop their skills as producers and interpreters of language.

Over the course of A Level study, students will develop skills in analysis, evaluation and debate, engendering a love of language and literature and an appreciation of its cultural significance.

Assessment:

- Component 1 - Voices in Speech and Writing (Anthology and Unseen, and A Streetcar Named Desire) exam
- Component 2 – Varieties in Language and Literature (Unseen and Othello/The Great Gatsby) exam
- Component 3 – (Coursework) two pieces of original writing (one fiction, one non-fiction) and one analytical commentary

Useful websites / reading materials:

- Various study guides and websites are available to assist with the understanding of the set texts, but students must be careful of plagiarism and make sure they correctly reference any work they are using as part of their own writing.

Recommended study

- Class teachers and the librarians can provide suggestions and recommendations for further reading of a wide range of literature texts which supports the A Level course.
- Watching performances and televised versions of the texts is highly recommended and can be used to consider various interpretations of the texts
- Work will be set for completion, either at home or during study periods, and is likely to include reading, research tasks linked to context and essay writing practice. Students will be required to re-draft work in order to improve their written work.

Recommended study

- In terms of work done at home, students should expect to spend on average about three hours per week reading, researching and writing.