



Post 16 Prospectus: ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE

Advanced Level (A2 only)
Examining Board: AQA

AIM

Designed with a focus on the integration of language and literature, this specification enables students to see how linguistic and literary methods are related and to evaluate these links in their work. The variety of assessment styles used, such as re-creative writing, commentary writing, discursive essays and research-based investigative writing, allows students to develop a wide range of skills. These include the ability to read critically, analyse, evaluate and undertake independent research, which are invaluable for both further study and future employment.

COURSE CONTENT

Advanced Level

Paper 1: Telling Stories

Texts – *The Handmaid's Tale*, Duffy: a selection from 'Meantime' and the AQA Paris anthology

- Remembered places – the representation of place.
- Imagined worlds – point of view and genre in prose.
- Poetic voices – the forms and functions of poetic voice.
- Methods of language analysis are integrated into the activities.

Questions:

Section A – Remembered places

- One compulsory question on the AQA Anthology: Paris (40 marks) This section is closed book.

Section B – Imagined worlds

- One question from a choice of two on prose set text (35 marks) – *The Handmaid's Tale*. This section is open book.

Section C – Poetic voices

- One question from a choice of two on poetry set text (25 marks) Duffy selection. This section is open book

Paper 2: Exploring Conflict

Texts – ^A *Streetcar Named Desire* and *The Great Gatsby

- *Writing about society – the role of the individual in society, and re-creative writing based on set texts
- *Critical commentary – evaluating own writing
- ^Dramatic encounters – conflict in drama
- ^Methods of language analysis are integrated into the activities

Questions

Section A – Writing about society*

- One piece of re-creative writing using set text (25 marks)
- Critical commentary (30 marks)
- This section is open book.

Section B – Dramatic encounters^

- One question from a choice of two on drama set text (45 marks) This section is open book.

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)

- Making connections – investigation on a chosen theme and texts
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ASSESSMENT

Two exams + NEA (coursework)

Paper 1:

written exam: 3 hours

- 100 marks
- 40% of A-level

Paper 2:

written exam: 2 hours 30 minutes

- 100 marks
- 40% of A-level

NEA (coursework)

Assessment:

- Assessed by teachers
- Moderated by AQA
- 50 marks
- 20% of A-level

SUBJECT ENRICHMENT

Theatre visits when possible.

Independent learning activities offered alongside the course. Collaboration, discussion and debate opportunities to supplement and develop classwork

SUBJECT SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

General entry requirement for Post-16: 5 grade 4 at GCSE, including English and/or Maths.

Specific entry requirements: Grade 5 in both GCSE English Language and English Literature

WHERE NEXT?

English Language and Literature is a highly regarded qualification with many significant cross-over skills: encouraging articulate and fluent speakers, readers and writers; developing the ability to structure an argument. The course promotes independence and the ability to evaluate and analyse literary and linguistic features and concepts as well as explore the significance of a range of different contexts.



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DESTINATION DATA 2021

Students from this course go onto study a wide range of course and careers. The next steps from 2021 students included: digital marketing for Channel 4 and degrees in Journalism, Media and English.

STUDENT SUPPORT

Students receive clear, detailed marking and feedback with specific reference to exam criteria right from the start of the course. Students have commented on the thorough, focused targets given that help them achieve success relating specifically to Assessment Objectives.

ONE-TO-ONE SUPPORT

- Students benefit from one-to-one guidance for the NEA coursework in year 13. Students have two one-to-one sessions with their teacher, providing specific and detailed guidance to help them tailor their independent work to assessment criteria.
- Additional one-to-one support is also provided, depending on student identified need or teacher identified need.
- Students also benefit from one-to-one intervention at key points during the year. These include post Mock exams and during exam season.
- Students access a dedicated timetabled revision programme in the run-up to exams, run by experienced Post-16 teachers.