

# ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE

## Course

A level English Language and Literature

## Exam Board

AQA

## Entry requirements

GCSE Grade 5 in both English Language and GCSE English Literature

## Why study English Language and Literature?

This exciting subject combines two approaches to the study of English: the study of text as literature is combined with the study of text as language by looking in detail at a wide range of textual material (e.g. letters and diaries, speeches and transcribed talk, articles for magazines, news and periodicals).

We study how writers use language in different contexts for an ever-shifting variety of audiences and purposes, in order to create distinctive styles. All students on this course will also have the opportunity to create their own original texts, and reflect analytically upon their methods of composition.

## Course content

For paper 1, students will study three set texts (one novel, one selection of poetry and an AQA Anthology of texts) and consider them through the themes of Remembered Places, Imagined Worlds and Poetic Voices.

For paper 2, students will produce creative writing on the theme of Society, and will study human conflict by examining a work of drama, as well as performing an original analytical investigation into an issue in language and literature.

## Assessment

Students will sit two exams - one will focus on 'Telling Stories' whilst the other looks at 'Exploring Conflict' in a range of texts.

Students will also undertake an independent investigation that explores a specific technique or theme in both literary and non-literary discourse.

### St Peter's students say...

*“There is no right or wrong answer! I like being able to voice my views and listening to other student's views and opinions helps shape my thinking and deepen my understanding.”*

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*“There's a great range of texts to study and the re-creative part of the course means I can be creative as well as analytical.”*

## Progression after Sixth Form

You can apply to do a degree in a wide range of subjects such as English, Journalism, Media and Communication Studies or Law.

Studying this subject will make you expert at analysing, interpreting and creating a wide variety of written and spoken texts. The skills you'll learn are highly valued by universities and future employers alike. Your powers of written and spoken communication will be enhanced as you hone your writing and speaking skills, producing texts for different audiences and purposes.

## Career opportunities

With your excellent communication skills, wily use of language and creative flair you could write a bestselling novel, set up your own publishing house or online media platform, produce scripts for film, theatre and TV, lead global campaigns and much more.

## For more information contact Head of Department:

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