

# English Combined

## About the course

Do you enjoy reading and writing independently, away from your college studies? Above everything else, this is the sign that you will enjoy and be successful at A Level English, whether you choose Literature or Language and Literature Combined.

On this course you will combine the study of literary texts with the study of language and linguistic techniques to better understand how writers construct and convey meaning and how in turn readers develop an understanding of a text. You will create your own writing pieces, but also you will read and write about some classic works of literature. If you love to read and enjoy producing your own writing then this course will allow you to showcase your abilities at the same time as experiencing texts across a wide range of genres.

### AS Level

The components comprise a comparative analysis of poetry and an unseen text along with creative writing and an accompanying commentary. Candidates will also study a drama text and learn how to respond critically to non-fiction. Students will have the opportunity to study a diverse range of texts and hone their critical analysis skills. The chance to produce original creative writing will enable students to explore a range of texts and genres.

### A Level

The components comprise a comparative analysis of poetry and an unseen text and the critical response to prose. Students will also study drama texts including a Shakespeare play. This course also develops student engagement with spoken language and non-literary materials. The non-exam assessment enables pupils to pursue an independent line of enquiry investigating language usage within a particular text or genre.

The skills that you will learn in this subject, such as independent research, close reading and analysis and evaluation of material are all desirable skills for universities.

## How it will be assessed

The AS Level is assessed by external examination.

The A Level assessment comprises an external examination (80%) and a non-exam assessment (20%)

## What it prepares you for

Obviously English Combined will be appropriate for students who wish to progress to study a form of English at university. It also provides many of the skills desirable for degrees in History, Law, Anthropology, Criminology or Teaching.



***The limits of my  
language are the  
limits of my world***

***Wittgenstein***



**Level 3: A Level**