

Studying A Level English Language or Literature will give you the opportunity to develop your understanding of the ways writers communicate across many different genres and forms.

You will explore the influence of linguistic, literary, cultural, social and historical contexts. You will develop your analytical skills and expertise, giving you the ability to delve beneath the surface meaning of texts, to explore hidden and implied meanings at another level. You will learn about how the English language has developed and changed and how it can be used for many different purposes. Studying English at A Level will help you to develop skills in research, written and verbal communication, debate and discussion.

English subjects are highly regarded by universities as they give students the opportunity to develop skills in critical reading, analysis, evaluation and communication. These are skills that are much sought after in the workplace – particularly in areas such as the media, journalism, law, research, social work and education.

Careers and Destinations

- Higher Education - Degree in Linguistics
- Public Relations/ Journalism
- Writing
- Speech and Language Therapist
- Marketing
- Teaching
- Management
- Librarian
- Speech and Language Therapy Theatre Production
- Creative Journalism
- Law



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A LEVEL - 2 YEARS

Entry Requirements: 5 GCSEs at grade 4-9 (A*-C) including English + Maths

What will I study?

You will read, discuss, analyse and write about a wide range of literature. You will develop your critical skills and learn how to present your ideas effectively. You will read widely and independently, engage creatively and apply your knowledge of literary analysis and evaluation in speech and writing. You'll explore the contexts of the texts you're reading and deepen your understanding of the changing traditions of literature in English. The course features a fascinating mix of texts from across the genres.

How will I be assessed?

Examination and coursework.

What can I do next?

The critical, analytical and communication skills developed during the course make English Literature an excellent preparation for higher education in any area. If you want to specialise, there are a wide range of courses in English, journalism, media and cultural studies.

"Studying A Level English Literature at Longley Park has been an exciting and thought-provoking experience."

Hala - Fir Vale School



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Navin - Hinde House School

What will I study?

This course combines a critical and creative approach. You will analyse and produce texts, demonstrating understanding and skill in how the English language works across a variety of contexts. You will learn about how language works on many different levels. The course will involve studying how we communicate in written and spoken texts according to our social group, region, occupation, gender and ethnicity. You will also learn about how children learn to speak, read, and write, and about how language has changed across time.

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What can I do next?

The study of English Language will develop your confidence in writing and analysis and is, therefore, a valued subject for both university-level study and employment. Some students choose to specialise in areas such as language, linguistics, phonetics and speech and language therapy at university; others go on to further study and work in areas such as teaching, journalism, law, marketing, librarianship and management.

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