

Entry Requirements

Students must have achieved a wide range of GCSEs at grade C or above including both English Language and Literature. (Please note that subjects can only be counted once.) National data shows that this course is not suitable for students with an average GCSE points score of less than 38.9. In addition, a keen interest in reading, writing and talking about literature should be displayed, together with a willingness to participate in extra curricular activities such as theatre visits and university lectures.

Course Description and Content

AS involves 2 Units:

- Unit 1:** Aspects of narrative (2 novels including 1 post 1990 and 2 poets 1800 -1945)
- Unit 2:** Dramatic Genres coursework (2 tragic plays including 1 Shakespeare)

A2 involves a further 2 units:

- Unit 3:** Texts and Genres (3 texts based on 1 topic including 1 1300 - 1800 text)
- Unit 4:** Further and Independent Reading coursework (3 texts including 1 pre-released anthology)

Assessment

AS and A2 are each worth 50% of the full 'A' level

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- Unit 1:** Open book exam (30% of the full 'A' level)
- Unit 2:** Coursework (20%)

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- Unit 3:** Closed book exam (30%)
- Unit 4:** Coursework (20%)

Career Opportunities and Pathways

Do you want to be a journalist? Feature writer? Sports journalist? Editor? Copywriter? Political Commentator?

...then Do English!

Do you want to be a lawyer? Solicitor? Legal secretary? To use words correctly?

...then Do English!

Do you want to be a teacher? Lecturer? TV Presenter?

...then Do English!

Do you want to work in sales? PR? Marketing? Advertising?

...then Do English!

Previous students are now highly successful as: a Director of a Birmingham PR agency; a published poet; an actor in Theatre in Education; lawyers; teachers; advertising executives; executive in an international charity; nurses; marketing executives

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