

English Language & Literature

100%
Pass Rate

65%
A*-B Grades

19%
above national
grade average

Analyse
spoken
language

Develop
analytical and
creative skills



A Level English Language & Literature

Welcome to Combined English Language and Literature at Runshaw College! Our course is a fascinating exploration into the world of how people write and speak, and how writers create a unique voice in both fiction and non-fiction. It is assessed by two exams at the end of the second year plus a non-examined assessment (coursework). The A Level is well-regarded by all university English departments and is an effective introduction to the study of both literature and linguistics.

In the first year, students will study three different strands: a selection of Carol Ann Duffy's poems, Tennessee Williams' play, *A Streetcar Named Desire*, and an anthology of non-fiction and non-literary texts about Paris.

In the second year, students will recap their study from Year One, with additional focus on context and more in-depth discussion and analysis of techniques and interpretations. Additionally, you will study a novel, *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood, and a biography, *Into the Wild* by John Krakauer.

20% of the A Level consists of a non-exam assessment, in which students will compare literary and non-literary texts of their choice. We begin this work at the end of the first year, to be handed in during Year Two.

A wide range of technical terminology is introduced at the beginning of the course and used extensively throughout the two years. In order to support text production and re-casting activities, a variety of style models are covered and students will be encouraged to consider how writers adapt language for many different purposes and audiences. The emphasis is very much on collaborative and co-operative learning,

with discussion and presentation featuring strongly in this process.

To complement your classroom experience, we offer a range of enrichment activities, including creative writing, the college magazine, theatre trips and a residential to Paris to visit the locations in the non-fiction anthology. To challenge and support students, we also run weekly High Grades classes.

If you want to know how writers adapt and craft language to create a distinctive voice, picking up critical thinking skills along the way, then A Level English Language and Literature is very much for you!

Entry Requirements:

A minimum of 5x Grade 5s, and Grade 6 in English Language or English Literature.

What's great about this course?



Enjoy novels, poetry & plays



Study journalism, biography and other non-fiction



Enthusiastic and knowledgeable staff

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