

English

What will I learn?

In today's economy, communication skills are essential in order to succeed. English is, essentially, the study of communication. The study of English covers broad themes, providing students with the opportunity to consider new ideas in new ways.

Students will study a range of writing styles- analytical, creative and functional. They will also learn to analyse language and search for hidden meanings. They will study a broad range of Literature, including Shakespeare, 19th Century Literature, as well as a modern play and a broad range of Poetry. Students will also complete a speaking and listening component, aimed at preparing them for real life public speaking in the future.

What do I need to know before I can start the course?

In order to achieve in GCSE English Language and Literature, good reading and writing skills are essential. Students should aim to read a broad range of Literature before embarking on the course.

What does the course involve?

A variety of approaches are used to guide you through the course. Class discussions and group work will help you understand and communicate your thoughts and ideas. There will be a lot of essay writing, and some practical public speaking training.

The key Literature texts are:

- *Romeo and Juliet*
- *Jekyll and Hyde*
- *An Inspector Calls*

What can I do after the course? What careers will this course be useful for?

English is a subject which is required by all industries. However, a good grade in English is especially useful for future authors, editors, journalists, public relations staff, advertisers, solicitors, and web designers.

Who can I talk to for more information?

Please see any of the English teachers in the department.

What websites can I check out?

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zr9d7ty>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zckw2hv>