



AS / A2 English Language and Literature (Level 3)

WHY TAKE THIS COURSE?

If you think you may enjoy the challenge of a course which involves the study of both literary and non-literary texts as well as the opportunity to write creatively, then this may be the English course for you. You will study different varieties of spoken and written language as well as develop your knowledge about literature. In addition, you will develop a wide variety of skills that are well regarded by both employers and universities, and which will complement many of your other courses at Priestley.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

At AS, you will study written and spoken language and literary and non-literary texts including; Kressman Taylor's *Address Unknown*, Margaret Atwood's *The Handmaid's Tale* and a Samuel Beckett play, *Waiting for Godot*. You will produce a 3500-word coursework folder containing two pieces of original writing (literary and non-literary) with a commentary. At A2, you will study varieties of written and spoken language and a range of non-literary and literary texts including drama and poetry. You will also undertake an independent topic-based study for coursework to produce a 4000-word coursework folder containing two pieces of original writing (literary and non-literary) with a commentary.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

40% Coursework, 60% Examination for both AS and A2 courses.

WHAT SKILLS AND SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS DO I NEED?

You must have at least a grade C in both GCSE English Language and English Literature. You must be prepared to learn a range of linguistic terminology, to learn about English grammar, and how to analyse language usage in both speech and writing. You must read independently and you will need to write essays and develop the skills to express your ideas clearly and logically. You will develop oral communication skills through discussion and formal presentations. You will also develop independent research skills using the internet, Virtual Learning Environment and Learning Resource Centre.

WHAT CAN I DO NEXT?

English Language and Literature prepares you for careers which require good communication skills, such as; publishing, public relations, marketing, journalism, media, management, the legal profession, teaching and many others.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

Studying English Language and Literature will give you opportunities to attend theatre performances and conferences, and join us on residential visits. You can also join the Creative Writing Group and College Magazine.