A Level English Literature and Language Combined

What does this course involve?

A Level English Language and Literature (EMC) presents clear continuity from GCSE English and GCSE English Literature with the study of literary and non-fiction written and spoken texts. The course also enables students to develop their creativity and expertise by producing their own original writing. Students will study four components and complete an NEA as their fourth component. Students must be capable of dealing with concepts and need writing skills demonstrated by a minimum of a grade 5 in their GCSE results in Language or Literature.

What will I study?

Component 1

- Component 01 focuses on an OCR (EMC) anthology of 20 non-fiction spoken and written texts across different time periods and contexts.
- Comparative and contextual study based on the anthology and unseen texts.

Component 2

- Component 02 focuses on one poetry collection from a choice of six and one drama text from a choice of six.
- Exploration of the texts through stylistic and dramatic analysis.

Component 3

- Component 03 focuses on exploring the nature of narrative in one prose fiction text from a choice of six.
- Writing as a reader develops the understanding of narrative technique through a creative writing task (500 words) and a commentary (250 words).

Component 4

- Independent study allowing learners to pursue particular interests and develop their expertise through an analytical comparative essay on a set text from a list of 12 non-fiction texts and a second free choice text. One text must be post-2000.
- Learners also produce a piece of original non-fiction writing.

How is the course assessed?

Component 1 - Closed text, 32 marks Written paper: 1 hour (16% of Total)

Component 2 - Closed text, 64 marks Written paper: 2 hours (32% of Total)

Component 3 - Open text, 64 marks Written paper: 2 hours (32% of Total)

Component 4 - Non-exam assessment: 40 marks (20% of Total)