

# A Level English Language and Literature

## What does the course involve?

The aim of the course is to encourage you to develop your interest, enjoyment and analytical skills in the fields of both language and literature as you:

- Use integrated linguistic and literary approaches in your reading and interpretation of texts;
- Engage creatively and independently with a wide range of spoken, written and multimodal texts, at the same time exploring the relationships between texts;
- Experiment with different types of re-creative writing, making connections between your own writing and the genre conventions of the texts you study.

Throughout the two-year course, you will read widely and study in close linguistic detail a selection of literary and non-literary texts including poetry, drama and prose fiction and non-fiction texts.

You will explore how writers use literary and linguistic features to shape meanings and readers' responses. You will consider how texts and reader responses are influenced by context, including how texts fit into genres, following or subverting conventions. You will develop the analytical and grammatical skills to understand how language works and record spoken language. You will learn how to re-cast texts using creative skills to showcase your understanding of the base text. You will develop the ability to analyse your own re-creative texts explaining how you have used linguistic and generic features.

## What will I study?

You will study: *The Handmaid's Tale*, *A Streetcar Named Desire*, Duffy poetry, *The Great Gatsby* and an anthology of texts on Paris.

## How will I be assessed?

80% examination and 20% non-examined assessment.