

# ENGLISH LANGUAGE

## WHERE CAN IT TAKE YOU?

### Journalism and Writing

If you have a passion for writing, editing and experimenting with language, you could consider a career in journalism or writing. Many careers in this field require a relevant university degree; some degree courses offer Creative Writing and English Combined. You should think about developing a portfolio of writing, something we can support you with through extra curricular writing opportunities at One.

Career Paths - Magazine or newspaper journalist, editor, proof reader, researcher, broadcaster, digital copywriter, playwright, novelist, poet, critic, publisher, copywriter, blogger, speech writer, technical writer.

### Marketing & PR

Although these are not necessarily careers directly related to the study of English, they are certainly fields that the study of English could lead you into. Businesses in the marketing sector and financial world need staff to market, sell and present services in an articulate and creative manner. Careers in this field may require a relevant degree, or others could be pursued through apprenticeships and gaining work experience.

Career Paths - Management, advertising, marketing, Public Relations Officer, Human Resources, social media manager, charity worker.

### Education

If you are thinking of going into teaching after your A Levels then a degree in the relevant field is desirable. After studying an undergraduate degree you would go on to study a PGCE to gain your teaching qualification. You could also consider further study to gain a Masters or Doctorate.

Career Paths - Teacher (primary or secondary), lecturer, tutor, teacher of English as a foreign Language.

### Research and Information Services

English students often have a passion for texts and reading, which can be used to pursue exciting and original research projects or within public information services. Careers in this field may require a relevant degree, or others could be pursued through apprenticeships and gaining work experience.

Career Paths - Information officer, research officer, head of an information service, records management, librarianship.

### Social Sciences

Particularly pertinent to students with an interest in English Language, careers in this field can combine linguistic knowledge with a passion for helping others. Careers in this field will usually require a relevant undergraduate degree.

Career Paths - Speech and child therapy, counselling, criminology, forensic linguistics.

### Law

English is a popular subject to study at A Level if you want to go on to study a law degree; some law degrees ask specifically for an English A Level. English helps with key oral and written communication skills which are particularly pertinent to the study of law.

Career Paths - Barrister, paralegal, solicitor, chartered legal executive, conveyancer.

## FURTHER CAREER INFORMATION

These are just a small selection of the careers you could go on to pursue should you study an A Level in one of our English subjects.

The study of English opens up a vast array of different career paths as communication, analysis and interpretation are key and transferrable employment skills.

English Literature is considered a facilitating subject by Russell group universities.

English degrees are excellent in terms of their broad and general scope for career choices.

As an English degree is a non-vocational subject, gaining relevant work experience can be really beneficial in a competitive jobs market.

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## WHAT TO EXPECT

### What does the course involve?

English Language at A Level is a fascinating subject for those genuinely interested in studying how language works in a wide range of contexts.

Very different to GCSE, the English Language course challenges you to interrogate the science of language use and to think analytically about the ways in which language is used in a variety of contexts.

You will explore the nature of language, and its contribution to our lives, as well as acquiring the concepts and methods for successful linguistic study.

You will:

- Develop a linguistic terminology which will be useful in a range of other subject;
- Explore language usage in different situations and social contexts through gender, power and technology;
- Study the differences between speech and writing;
- Investigate language use in an area of your choice for your non-examined assessment;
- Study child language acquisition and language change.

### Can I take additional qualifications?

You will find that English Language complements a range of subjects. It works well with History, Psychology and Media Studies.

However, the skills of investigation and analysis are also transferrable to Modern Languages and the Sciences. The technical accuracy of analysis of language combined with the production of media texts for a real world purpose means that the skills you will learn in this subject can be developed in various curriculum areas.

The English Language A Level facilitates a range of different career paths including journalism, speech therapy, teaching, business or any area requiring a high level of spoken and written communication. The list is endless!

### How will I be assessed?

80% examination

20% non-examined assessment

### What are the costs?

There are no charges to study on the course. However, non-compulsory trips run as part of the course may incur a cost.

### What is the duration?

This is a two year course.

## Entry Requirements

Grade 5 in GCSE English Language and Grade 5 in GCSE English Literature.