

(Content) Exam Staff (Careers) Pupil Video

GCSE English Language and Literature

This course allows you to investigate, examine and create a wide range of texts for different audiences and purposes.

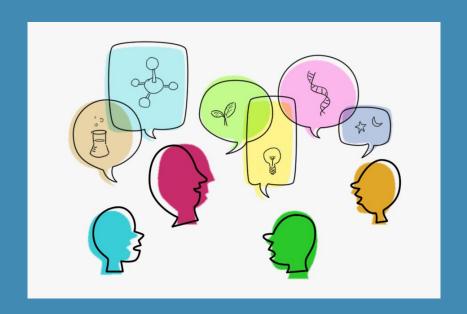
You will learn to communicate effectively, using speaking and listening, reading and writing skills.



Entry Level in English

Some learners will study for an Entry Level certificate in English, sometimes as a 'stepping stone' to GCSE.

This course, like GCSE English Language, helps you to develop oracy, reading and writing skills. But it will focus on those communication skills you will need in everyday life, the world of work and in other curriculum areas.





English Language and Literature

The course is divided into three units: One of these are assessed as external written exams; and two takes the form of controlled assessment (Speaking and Listening and Reading and Writing).



40%

Non-exam assessments

These assessments will focus on:

- speaking and listening (as individuals and in groups) 20%
- reading and writing 20%

They will be marked by teachers and moderated by the awarding body.



60%

Exams

At least one exam will be taken at the end of the course.

Exam

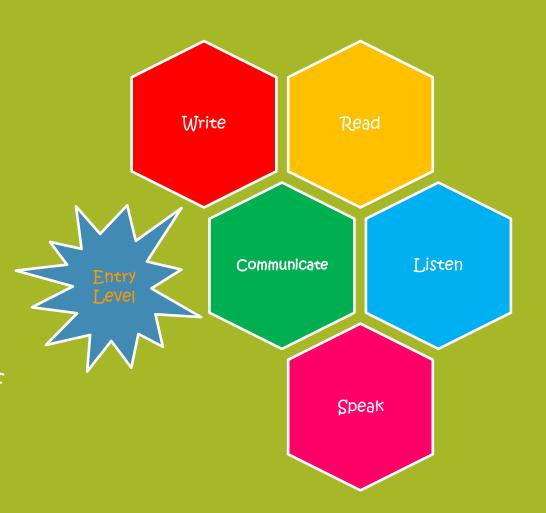
Entry Level in English

The course is divided into three components:

Component 1 Written exam – assessing understanding of non-literary reading, and the production of functional writing. (25%)

Component 2 Topic tests – assessing a response to literature, editing and sequencing, narrative writing and proofreading. (60%)

Component 3 Practical assessment – Communicating a point of view, and using oracy for the world of work. (15%)



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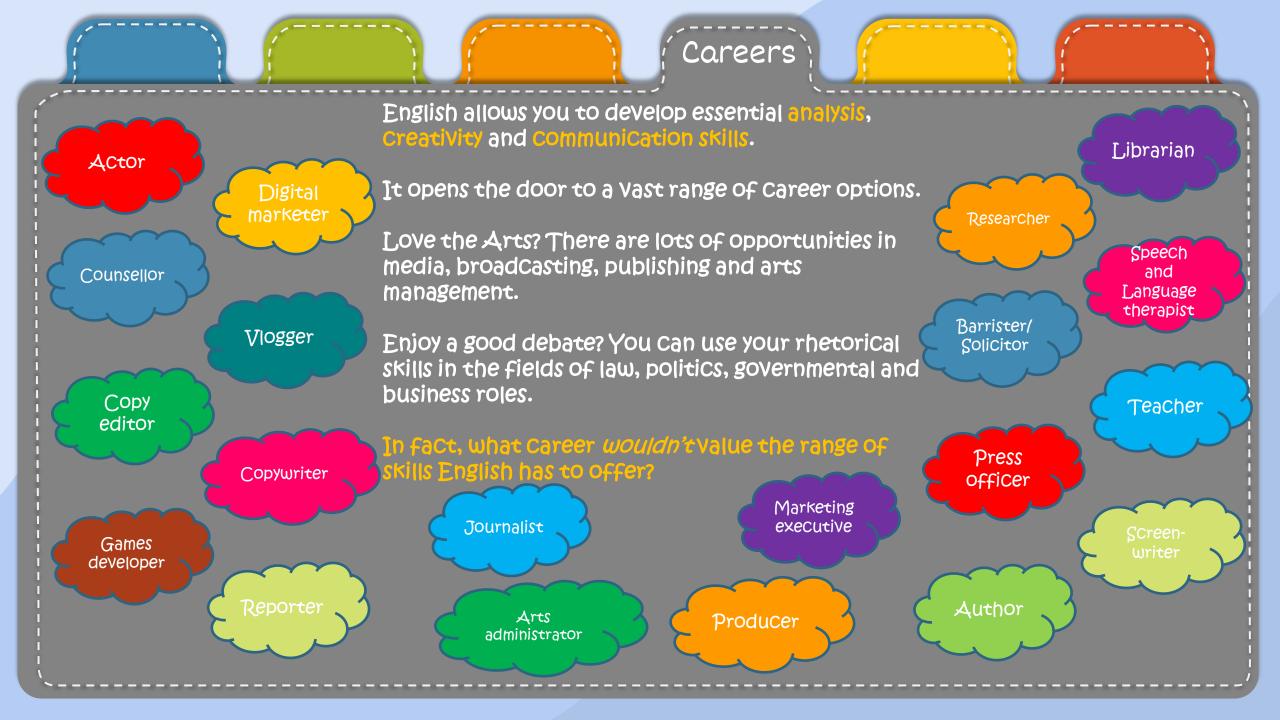


Careers

English? Who needs that? I'm never going to England.

~ Homer Simpson





Pupil views

The English
Department really
do want all of their
students to
succeed.

Studying English has helped me find my voice.

English lessons give me skills I plan to use for the rest of my life.

English is
Challenging – but it's
fun to be
Challenged.

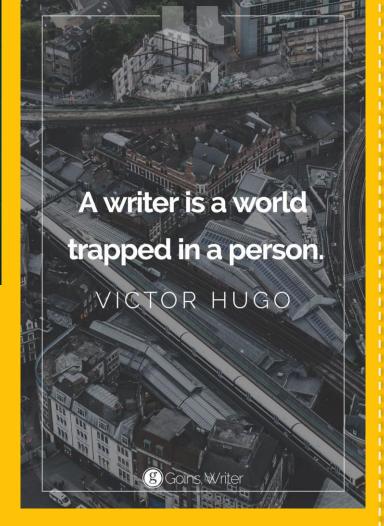
I am learning to communicate confidently with others.

There's a lot more to it than just sitting around talking about old books.

"Words are sacred. They deserve respect. If you get the right ones, in the right order, you can nudge the world a little."

Tom Stoppard

"READING is the sole means by which we slip, INVOLUNTARILY, often helplessly, into another's skin, another's voice, another's soul." - Joyce Carol Oates



Other

views





Reading is everything...

Here, a group of Year 11 pupils discuss the importance of libraries, and demonstrate the GCSE English Language skills of 'interacting and responding' (assessed on the 'group discussion' NEA).



Speaking and listening forms 20% of the English Language GCSE.

Watch an example of a GCSE individual researched presentation in action.



Shakespeare. An essential area of study as part of the English Literature course.

But is Shakespeare still relevant to our 21st century learners?

In this TED talk, John Bolton argues the case for Shakespeare's place in the modern world.



A life in books.

Cefn Saeson's Dr Mills walks us through some of the books that have been an essential part of her learning journey and that have inspired a lifelong love of reading.

