



# English Language and Literature

## Is this course for me?

This course will appeal to those students who:

- Are avid readers who enjoy reading and analysing both literary and non-literary texts.
- Wish to develop as independent, confident and reflective readers and writers.
- Want to develop their creative and analytical writing skills.
- Enjoy discussing and reflecting on their studies with their peers.
- Would like to do a subject which offers a wide range of career opportunities.

## Units of Study

### Unit 1 - Telling Stories (Exam)

The aim of this unit is to develop students' ability to analyse and compare fiction and non-fiction texts across a wide range of genres. For this unit, students will study:

- ◆ A range of non-fiction texts around a given theme.
- ◆ A novel.
- ◆ An anthology of poetry by a named poet.

This unit will be assessed in an exam where students will be asked to analyse and comment on the texts.

### Unit 2 - Exploring Conflict (Exam)

The aim of this unit is to develop students' ability to analyse literary texts and also their skills in recreative writing, based upon one of the texts they have studied. In preparation for this, students will study:

- ◆ A novel (different to that used for Unit 1).
- ◆ A play.

This unit will be assessed in an exam where students will be asked to write a piece of recreative writing based upon the novel and an essay about the play.

### Unit 3 - Making Connections (Coursework)

The aim of this unit is to develop students' ability to investigate and explore language and literature which is of particular interest to them. Students will choose their own topic or technique and how it is used across a piece of fiction and a piece of non-fiction. Students choose their own texts, with guidance from teachers.

This unit will be assessed as coursework and will be internally marked and moderated.

## Entry Requirements

It is expected that students have achieved a level 6 or above in GCSE English Language and Literature before studying the combined course in these subjects.

## What will this course prepare me for?

Students who follow the course will develop their literacy skills and enhance their ability to critically analyse texts in critical analysis. As a result, this subject is fundamental in preparing students for many careers including Law, Business, the Media, Social Services, Education, Personnel and Marketing as well as further study at undergraduate level.