

English Language and Literature - A Level (OCR)

A Level English Language and Literature immerses you in a range of texts from literary and non-literary genres, such as fiction, drama, poetry, journalism, autobiography, diaries, letters, speeches and television scripts.

You will explore and compare how writers and speakers use language and structure to express their thoughts and feelings, and how language choices are influenced by the context, audience and purpose.

You will develop an analytical approach to language, including a systematic understanding of grammar, vocabulary, sound and structure. The course will also develop your creative writing skills.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

Topics covered can include:

- Exploring Non-Fiction and Spoken Texts
- The Language of Poetry and Plays
- Reading as a Writer, Writing as a Reader
- Independent Study – Analysing and Producing Texts

By the end of the course you will be able to demonstrate:

- An ability to respond in a personal and considered way to both literary and non-fiction texts
- An ability to recognise literary, stylistic and linguistic features of written and spoken material
- An ability to express themselves with clarity, coherence, conciseness and precision
- A command of the language appropriate for literary and linguistic analysis
- Some familiarity with aspects of literary heritage
- Knowledge of individual works studied and, where appropriate, relationships between them
- An ability to comment on the language, content, structure, meaning and significance of written and spoken material studied
- Awareness of the effects of technique and style employed by writers and speakers
- An ability to structure analyses and arguments in a sustained and logical way, and to support them with precise and relevant examples.
- Expertise and creativity in the use of English to communicate in different ways
- An ability to use a range of techniques to produce and evaluate texts from different audiences and purposes, informed by wider reading

Start Date: 1 September 2025

Duration: 2 Years

Attendance: Full Time

Center: Angel Sixth Form College

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WHAT WILL I NEED?

You will need:

- Grade 5 or above, and at least one grade 6 or above, in GCSE English Language plus one other written subject, such as History, Geography, Humanities, English Literature, Business, Media Studies, Religious Studies, Drama and Film Studies
- Three further GCSEs at grade 4 or above

If you wish to study 4 A Levels, you will need 7 GCSEs at grade 7 or above, including two at grade 8.

All applicants must have an interview to confirm that A Levels are suitable for them.

When applying for an A Level programme at City and Islington, please refer to the general entry requirements on our [A Level Courses](#) page as well as the subject-specific details listed above.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

Assessment is by exam (80%) and coursework (20%). Assessment in both the exams and coursework is by a combination of essay-based tasks and creative tasks.

WHAT WILL IT COST?

AGED 16-18

If you will be aged 16, 17 or 18 on 31st August prior to the start date of your course and you have the legal right to remain in the UK for the duration of your programme then your study with us will be free. Please see [here](#) for the documents you will need to show us.

Some courses will have other associated costs, such as for specialist materials and trips. Many of our students are eligible for financial support, see [here](#) for details.

WHAT CAN I DO AFTER?

A Levels are widely regarded as the standard entry qualification for top universities in the UK, and the rest of the world. Many of our students go onto study for a degree at the university of their choice, with some choosing to progress into apprenticeships or other employment.

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