



PRINCE WILLIAM SCHOOL

English Language and Literature

Overview:

The English Language and Literature course is designed to suit students who are both passionate about reading and literature with strong analytical skills, as well as being scientific, creative, and imaginative. Over the two years of the course, the areas of study and investigation are based on literary and non-literary analysis, with set novels, plays, and poetry. It also allows studies that promote creativity and research into how language is used. There is a considerable amount of freedom to study in fields and write in genres which suit one's own academic development and progress to an extent not experienced in GCSE language work.

A Level Course:

Unit 1: Telling Stories There are three components to this unit where students will get the opportunity to look at an anthology of literary and non-literary texts under the theme of Paris, a poetry anthology, and a novel.

Unit 2: Exploring Conflict Students will get to be more creative in this component where they will write their own piece of re-creative writing alongside a critical commentary on their own work. They will also study a set drama text.

Unit 3: Making Connections Students will be able to delve into their own linguistic passions where they will use their analytical skills to investigate a chosen theme or text.

Expectations:

We expect our students to become avid readers, and to take as much responsibility as possible for their learning and for the development of their cultural awareness. This is a subject in which we can direct you towards key skills and give you a chance to broaden your literary and cultural experience. Wider reading can help students to establish a sense of authority in their responses to any given text.

Extra-Curricular Activities/Independent Learning Opportunities:

We place strong emphasis on academic learning beyond the classroom and the prescribed specifications. We expect Sixth Form students to work independently and to take full advantage of the resources that the Library and academic faculties provide. The extra-curricular life of Prince William School is varied, from theatre productions to visits from authors and University visits. All pupils are expected to play a full and active part in the extra-curricular life of the School. Additionally, the school offers opportunities for students to act as learning mentors for Reading and Literacy with younger students.

Career Pathways

What careers can English lead to (taken from Prospects.ac.uk):

Jobs directly related to your subject include:

Digital Copywriter; Editorial Assistant; English as a Foreign Language Teacher; Lexicographer; Magazine Journalist; Newspaper Journalist; Primary School Teacher; Secondary School Teacher; Writer.

Jobs where your subject would be useful include:

Academic Librarian; Advertising Account Executive; Advertising Copywriter; Arts Administrator; Information Officer; Marketing Executive; Public Relations Officer; Records Manager.

Good combinations of other subject to study with English are:

History, Religious Education, Art, Psychology, French/Spanish, English Literature.

Student Testimonials:

"I've loved not having to pick between Literature and Language because I really wanted to have the opportunity to do both" "I didn't realise how much this subject would help me in my other options"