

Advanced Higher English

Course Rationale

Advanced Higher English aims to provide opportunities for learners to develop the ability to:

- critically analyse and evaluate a wide range of complex and sophisticated literary texts.
- apply critical, investigative and analytical skills to a literary topic of personal interest.
- create a range of complex and sophisticated texts.
- apply knowledge and understanding of complex language in a wide range of contexts and use creative and critical thinking to explore ideas and arguments.

Course Content and Assessment

Component 1: Literary Study (based on poetry, novels or plays worked on together in class).

Component 2: Textual analysis – developing skills needed to analyse unseen texts namely prose non-fiction, prose fiction, drama and poetry.

Component 3: Portfolio-writing- giving the opportunity to write in a variety of genres .

Component 4: Project dissertation.

COURSE ASSESSMENT STRUCTURE

Assessment Advanced Higher English assessment takes the form of:

- two exam question papers in which learners will write a literary study on drama, poetry, prose fiction or prose non-fiction, **and** undertake a textual analysis of their chosen genre, demonstrating an in-depth knowledge and understanding of complex and sophisticated literary texts. (40%)
- a writing portfolio worked on throughout the course , which will contain two pieces of writing (30%) externally assessed .
- a dissertation, where learners will compare and contrast texts of their own choosing (30%) externally assessed.

Career Pathways

English is important for most jobs, including those you might not expect such as engineering and science. English is particularly useful in industries such as creative and digital media, law and the public sector, including education. English helps to build skills in communication, planning & organisation and attention to detail. Careers using English include solicitor, teacher, journalist, social worker, paralegal, marketing manager, public relations officer, TV / radio producer and careers adviser.