

# English Language and Literature

## A Level



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### What is English Language and Literature

English Language and Literature at SMM6 will give you an opportunity to learn how to adapt your English to suit different purposes and audiences. Over the two-year course you will gain a deeper knowledge into how to write in different styles for a variety of readers. You will explore how to analyse prose, poetry and drama from linguistic and literary perspectives and literary texts, non-literary texts and speech.

### What will I study?

#### Component 1: Voices and Speech and Writing

- Study of *Voices in Speech and Writing* anthology
- One Drama text from a prescribed list

#### Component 2: Varieties in Language and Literature

- Study of a range of non-fiction texts on a chosen theme
- Study of two literary texts from a chosen theme; one compulsory prose fiction text (anchor text) from a choice of two and one other literary text.

### What entry requirements will I need?

In addition to the general entry requirements, you will need a grade 6 or above in English Language and Literature

### How will I be taught?

Students will learn through a variety of different methods such as group discussions, pair work and independent learning. Where possible students will also visit organisations that will enhance their understanding of the course.

### How will I be assessed?

**Component 1:** 2 hours 30 minutes written paper (worth 40% of the A-Level)

**Component 2:** 2 hours 30 minutes written paper (worth 40% of the A-Level)

**NEA (Coursework):** 2,500 – 3,250 -word personal investigation (worth 20% of the A-Level)

### What career opportunities does this open up?

Studying English Literature and Language could lead to a career in: Journalism, Publishing, Teaching, Librarianship, Media and so much more. English is a highly desirable qualification for most careers as it develops key skills of communication and analysis.