



## Why study English Language & Literature at Formby High School?

A Level English Language and Literature is one of the most popular subjects in the school, with results which consistently build on the national reputation of the department at GCSE level. The feedback from students is that our lessons are well planned, innovative and give plenty of opportunity to develop ideas and independence. They say that work is quickly and efficiently marked and always gives clear and detailed guidance for improvement.

### What does the course involve?

English Language and Literature enables you to study the two aspects of English as interconnecting disciplines in ways which deepen the understanding and enjoyment of these areas.

The course allows you to develop your ability to use linguistic and literary critical concepts as well as analytical frameworks in commenting on spoken language and written texts. The course will allow you to develop as independent, confident and reflective readers, enabling you to relate literary and non-literary texts to the contexts in which they were produced.

The course requires you to study both spoken and written texts, to analyse ways of constructing meanings through language. There is an imaginative and engaging choice of texts and topics which will generate enthusiasm, including texts such as F. Scott Fitzgerald's 'The Great Gatsby', Tennessee Williams' 'A Streetcar Named Desire' and Shakespeare's 'Othello'. You will be inspired by learning about spoken and written language from real and imagined worlds as you engage with the craft of writing to analyse texts in both Year 12 and Year 13. You will also complete a coursework portfolio of your own creative and non-fiction writing in Year 13.

The A Level course will be assessed through two examinations (2 hours and 30 mins each) worth 40% of the marks each, plus a coursework portfolio worth 20% of the marks.

### What can the qualification lead to?

There is a wide range of possible career and higher education opportunities. You will learn and use a variety of transferable skills in speaking and writing for different purposes and audiences. The course will form a good basis for study in any future pathway – the Arts, the Humanities, Law and the Sciences.

### What are the entry requirements?

Grade 6 in GCSE English Language and English Literature.

### Which other subjects complement English Language & Literature ?

- Drama and Theatre Studies
- Film Studies
- Geography
- History
- Music
- Religious Studies



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*A Level English Language and Literature has allowed me to expand my vocabulary and improve my communication skills as well as my analytical ones. I have studied a wide range of varied and interesting texts. It has given me opportunities to partake in independent learning as well as learning as part of a group. I feel that the skills I have gained from English are transferable to many future careers. My English teachers have been amazing at supporting me and helping me to improve my work by giving me detailed and accurate feedback. I am thoroughly enjoying English so far and look forward to the future challenges.*

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**Amelia chose to stay at Formby High Sixth Form**