

A Level English Language & Literature

Why study this course at Cronton Sixth Form?

You will be taught by excellent, highly qualified teachers who put students at the heart of the curriculum. You will find that your teachers are enthusiastic, approachable and encouraging.

Taking English Language and Literature at A Level is a fantastic way to explore both language and literature. You will develop your own communication skills in both speech and writing which will make you a good candidate for University, thus increasing your employability.

What will I study?

This is a fully integrated course where you will use both linguistic and literary approaches to texts, showing how the two disciplines can relate to each other. You will participate in a whole range of activities and writing assignments, contribute to group discussions, presentations and a wide variety of teaching and learning activities. You need to have an interest in how language is used in a wide variety of spoken and written texts, and a desire to analyse its usage critically and rigorously.

Whilst you will continue to develop the English Language and English Literature skills you learnt at GCSE you will also learn some completely different skills such as, reading literary texts whilst developing and applying your knowledge of literary analysis and evaluation. Your study will also be enhanced by paying close attention to the ways texts relate to each other and the contexts in which they are produced and received. You will study a wide range of genres and engage in substantial literary study. You need to read to succeed on this course, so an interest in reading and a willingness to read independently alongside the set class texts is essential.

You will develop the skills that you have learned at GCSE to a much higher level and become an expert in English Language and Literature.

Your powers of analysis will be stretched and you will learn how to get the most out of a vast range of texts. For your first component, you will study Voices in Speech and Writing alongside a drama text; for component 2, you will study a wide range of non-fiction texts and two further literary texts. The third component is the Coursework unit (free choice of topic).

How will I be assessed?

Short testing, written homework assignments, timed essays, mock examinations, group work, research tasks, a coursework folder in your second year (20%) and formal exams (80%).

Entry Requirements

A minimum of 3 x 5's and 2 x 4's at GCSE including a Grade 5 in English Language, a Grade 5 in Maths and a Grade 5 in another written subject.

Can I study this course if I have not taken it at GCSE?

There is a requirement that you have a grade 5 in English language.

Enrichment Opportunities

You may choose to participate in a vast range of enrichment activities, whether they are English related or not! The English team offers the opportunity to participate in competitions (some of which have cash prizes) and to develop your creative writing skills – this may be entirely recreational, or may be linked to the courses you wish to take when you leave the College. You may also be part of our Prestigious University Programme or one of our Professional Programmes if you are identified as a high achiever.

Opportunities

Students studying English develop and showcase their literary skills by taking part in national competitions such as the Young Writers and Christopher Tower Poetry competitions. Our links with prestigious universities and prominent figures, such as the Professor of Linguistics at Lancaster University, further enhance student learning.

Be inspired

Students also benefit from visiting guest speakers; including the Children's Laureate, authors, poets, journalists and a trip to the globe theatre in London.



The Cronton Experience

At Cronton you can take part in many enrichment activities such as:

- The High Achievers Programme
- Professional Programmes for Tomorrow's Scientists, Lawyers and Teachers
- Centres of Excellence in STEM, Performing Arts and Sport
- Student Leadership Team
- College Sports Teams
- TASS (Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme)
- The Duke of Edinburgh's Award
- International Trips
- Scholarships



Learn more about the Cronton Experience at:
www.cronton.ac.uk/experience

What can this course lead on to?

Studying A Level English Language and Literature will open a wide range of career opportunities to you. Many employers look for potential employees with an A Level in English, as it shows that you have good communication skills. At degree level, you can choose to study English Lang/Lit or a whole range of courses which combine English with other subjects. Our students have become journalists, teachers, lawyers, English graduates progress to a wide range of careers.

Any additional costs?

You will have to purchase some of the texts. The costs of the texts will be about £20 or less per year. If you participate in any trips – for example, theatre trips – you will have to pay for your ticket and for transport. We will try to keep those costs as low as possible, and if anyone has a genuine difficulty in paying for books or trips, we will try and find a way round this.

Outstanding Opportunities

Opportunities to enter national competitions with fantastic success for students including the Oxford University Poetry Competition, the Lancaster Writing Awards, the Debating Society Competition, the Youth Parliament Competition and Bar Mock Trials.

What have previous students said about this subject?

“English Lang Lit has improved not only my English skills but my communication skills in general. I am now a more confident and creative student with the ability to analyse complex texts, using a wide range of vocabulary and terminology.” (Jess Robinson, Year 2 A Level English Language and Literature student)

Meet the Students

Name:
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Destination:
University of Sheffield, Modern Languages and Cultures

A Level Results:
**English Combined A*
French A
History A**

