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Ambitious

Determined

Headteacher: Mr G Green

A-Level English Language* and Literature

What will I need to study this course?

- You will need a love of reading, creative writing, and the ability to write extended responses.
- You will need an enquiring mind, and an ability to analyse writers' ideas, language and themes.
- You should have at least a grade 5 in English Literature and English Language GCSE.
- (**This part of the course is based on studying linguistics – the scientific study of language.*)

What will I study?

- Paper 1 (40%) - *Telling Tales*. Core texts and areas of study:
 - Remembered places: *AQA Anthology: Paris* non-fiction extracts (closed book)
 - Imagined world: *'The Handmaid's Tale'* by Margaret Atwood (open book)
 - Poetic Voices: selected poetry of Carol-Ann Duffy (open book)
 - These texts are taught alongside an exploration of the language of tales explored through phonetics, phonology, prosodics, lexis and semantics, grammar and discourse.
- Paper 2 (40%) – *Exploring Conflict*. Core texts and areas of study:
 - Writing about society – *'The Great Gatsby'* by F. Scott Fitzgerald (open book) (adapting the text to respond to creative re-writing tasks and write critical commentaries about your choices.)
 - Dramatic encounters – *'Othello'* by William Shakespeare (open book)
 - These texts are taught alongside an exploration of the language of conflict: interactions, power and positioning in talk, group and individual identity.
- Coursework (20%) - *Making Connections* -
 - 2500-3000 words
 - Explore connections across language and literary genres based on a theme or idea.

Challenges: You will do a lot of independent reading and research outside of lessons.

Skills Building: You will learn to interpret and compare a text's themes, methods, and context. You will learn to analyse language while using it effectively in your writing – to write both creative and extended responses.

In the first year, you'll study:

Imagined Worlds and Remembered Places
Poetic Voices
Re-Creative Writing

In the second year, you'll study:

Writing about society
Dramatic Encounters
Making connections

Where next? This course will set you up very well for university where you could study subjects involving communication, media, teaching, research, and many other jobs that need good reading, writing, or spoken skills. What can I do with an English degree? | [Prospects.ac.uk](https://www.prospects.ac.uk)



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