Maelor Sixth



English Language and Literature WJEC A Level

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Introduction

The WJEC GCE AS and A Level in English Language and Literature encourages learners to develop their interest and enjoyment of English as they:

- Develop and apply their knowledge of literary analysis and evaluation
- Develop and apply their understanding of the concepts and methods appropriate for the analysis and study of language
- Use linguistic and literary approaches in their reading and interpretation of texts, showing how the two disciplines can relate to each other
- Engage creatively and critically with a wide range of texts
- Explore the ways in which texts relate to each other and the contexts in which they are produced and received
- Undertake independent and sustained studies to develop their skills as producers and interpreters of language.

The Course

Year One

AS Unit 1: Comparative Analysis and Creative Writing

- Section A: Comparative analysis of poetry and unseen text
- Section B: Creative writing and commentary

AS Unit 2: Drama and Non-literary Text Study

- Section A: Post-1900 drama
- Section B: Non-literary text study

Year Two

A2 Unit 3: Shakespeare

- Section A: Shakespeare extract
- Section B: Shakespeare essay

A2 Unit 4: Unseen Texts and Prose Study

- Section A: Post-1900 drams
- Section B: Non-literary text study

A2 Unit 5: Critical and Creative Genre Study

- Section A: Genre study
- Section B: Related creative writing

Assessment

Year 12

- Unit 1 and Unit 2 - written examinations each worth 20% of the full A Level grade.

Year 13

- A2 Units 3 and 4 - written examinations each worth 20% of the full A Level grade.
- A2 Unit 5 - non-examination assessment: 2500-3500 words. Worth 20% of the full A Level grade.



Entry Requirements

- GCSE grade C/5 in English
- An interest in language and how language is used in context - eg. political speeches, media communications.
- GCSE grade C/4 or above in Maths

Further Information

Fundamental to the course as a whole, learners will demonstrate knowledge and understanding of how to apply linguistic and literary methodologies and concepts to inform their responses to and interpretations of texts.



Links to Future Careers

English Language and Literature A level develops formal written communication styles, which is a key skill for further studies and communication in a career. All the skills developed through studying this subject are related to independent thinking and support the skills beneficial for the following careers:

- Publishing
- Law
- Speech & Language Therapy
- Foreign Language Teaching
- Translation & Interpreting
- Journalism
- Education
- Writing

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