

English

Advanced Higher

Recommended Entry Requirements

Pass at
Higher
English

An A or B in Higher English is a stronger indicator of success at Advanced Higher level; pupils should have a genuine love of literature and a desire to write

Progression through English

This course may provide progression to

- degree programmes in business, drama, education, English, humanities, journalism, law, media, and social science
- careers in commerce and industry, education, journalism, law, marketing, media and politics



Course Content

Literary Study

Learners apply their understanding, analysis and evaluation skills to previously-studied texts from one of the following genres: poetry, prose fiction, prose non-fiction, or drama. This takes the form of one appropriately structured critical essay.

Textual Analysis

Learners apply their understanding, analysis and evaluation skills to one unseen text. Learners select one text from the genres of poetry, prose fiction, prose non-fiction or drama and produce a critical analysis.

Portfolio of Writing

Learners produce one piece of writing, developing skills in a range of genres.

Dissertation

The dissertation assesses learners' independent reading of complex and sophisticated literature. It provides evidence of learners' skills in critical analysis, evaluation, investigation and writing.

Skills Developed

Advanced Higher English aims to provide opportunities for learners to develop the ability to:

- critically analyse and evaluate a wide range of complex and sophisticated literary texts
- apply critical, investigative and analytical skills to a literary topic of personal interest
- create a range of complex and sophisticated texts
- apply knowledge and understanding of complex language in a wide range of contexts and use creative and critical thinking to explore ideas and arguments.

Advanced Higher English also develops high levels of analytical thinking and understanding of the impact of language.

Assessment

Advanced Higher English assessment takes the form of:

- two question papers in which learners will write a literary study on drama, poetry, prose fiction or prose non-fiction, and undertake a textual analysis of their chosen genre, demonstrating an in-depth knowledge and understanding of complex and sophisticated literary texts. (40%)
- a writing portfolio, which will contain one piece of writing (30%)
- a dissertation, where learners will compare and contrast texts of their own choosing (30%)

Related Careers

English is needed for most jobs, including those you might not expect such as engineering and science.

English is particularly useful in industries such as creative and digital media, law and the public sector, including education.

English helps to build skills in communication, planning & organisation and attention to detail.

Careers using English include; solicitor, teacher, journalist, social worker, paralegal, marketing manager, public relations officer, TV / radio producer and careers adviser.

Emma Watson, Stephen Fry and Martin Scorsese all have English degrees.

