

ST. AIDAN'S AND ST. JOHN FISHER ASSOCIATED SIXTH FORM
Exam Board: AQA

What do I need to be able to do this course?

English Dual Award will suit you if you want to blend a love of reading with a love of writing. The subject involves the study of literature in all its forms but also requires you to compose pieces of creative writing based around what you read whilst also offering you the chance to analyse how language, especially speech, is used in both fiction and real life. The minimum entry requirement for this subject is a grade C in English at GCSE.

What does will I do on the course and how is it assessed?

A Level Course

Paper 1: Telling Stories

3 hour exam and 40% of A Level.

Remembered Places: one question on the AQA Anthology: **Paris**

Imagined Worlds: One question from a choice of two on a prose set text (open book) e.g Frankenstein, Dracula, The Handmaid's Tale or The Lovely Bones.

Poetic Voices: One question from a choice of two on poetry set text (open book) e.g John Donne, Robert Browning, Carol Ann Duffy or Seamus Heaney.

Paper 2: Exploring Conflict

2 hours 30 minutes exam 40% of A Level

Writing about Society: one piece of re-creative writing using set text and a commentary (open book) e.g Into the Wild, The Suspicions of Mr Whicher or The Murder at Road Hill House, The Great Gatsby or The Kite Runner.

Dramatic Encounters: One question from a choice of two on drama set text (open book) e.g Othello, All My Sons, A Streetcar Named Desire, The Herd.

Non-exam assessment: Making Connections

20% of A Level

This involves an investigation that explores a specific technique or theme e.g metaphor or love in both literary and non-literary discourse e.g spoken data, sports commentaries. This is written up as a research report in preparation for subject related university courses (2,500-3,000 words). This is assessed by teachers.

What can I do with this course?

English is a widely ranging subject which offers excellent preparation for degree level study and lends itself naturally to careers in the Arts and the Media or any other area where communication is a valuable tool

Where can I get further information?

Please speak to the Head of English at either school: Miss Fairburn at SA or Miss Gregg at SJF or alternatively your current English teacher.