

# ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

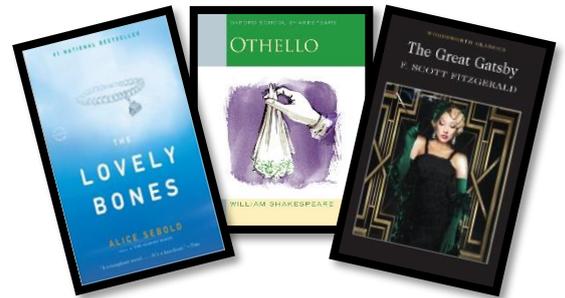
## (Joint English)

English Language and Literature (Joint English) is a course for students who enjoy a fully integrated approach to the subject – exploring a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts, linguistic analysis and creative writing.

The perfect student for this course should enjoy reading a wide range of texts, lively class discussion and have a passion for analysing language choices in detail. Showing a clear and confident understanding of how language is used for specific texts, purpose and audience is key to the assessments of this course – to assist with this, we would recommend that prospective students begin to think about the reading lists below before September 2020.

### Potential set texts and recommended reads:

- The Lovely Bones by Alice Sebold
- Poetry by Carol Ann Duffy
- The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood
- The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald
- Othello by William Shakespeare
- A range of non-fiction texts (such as newspaper articles, blogs, adverts – both audio and written)



### Key skills used on the course:

- Exploring point of view and genre in prose fiction
- Voice and identity in poetry
- Interaction and conflict in drama
- Studying the representation of place in an anthology of non-literary texts (including spoken language, media texts and new technologies)
- Students' own creative writing through re-casting work

Don't just restrict yourself to reading fiction, poetry and drama. Try reading a newspaper at least twice a week - a broadsheet or quality paper. This will help give you a richer, broader vocabulary and offer good models for concise writing styles.

As with the English Literature course, any reading is better than no reading – keep up your private reading but try to start thinking more about the reasons **why** some types of books appeal to you more than others... an open, enquiring mind will be your best weapon on this course.

**Useful links and websites for course preparation:**

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/as-and-a-level/english-language-and-literature-7706-7707>

<https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/english/AQA-7706-7707-GLOSSARY-CTT.PDF>

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## Pre-Sixth Form preparation task:

For your English Language and Literature A Level, you will be asked to analyse a series of non-fiction texts about a particular place.

## Tasks:

1. Collate together a booklet of 8 non-fiction extracts all about the city of Portsmouth (see examples below)
2. Annotate them with the different linguistic features used by the writers (use glossary listed on previous page)
3. After annotating each text, you need to write a short analysis of the features used and what the writer's intended purpose was.

GRADE	MARKING CRITERIA
Distinction	Critical, perceptive comments on linguistic features used. Subject specific terminology is accurate and judiciously applied. Texts are highly annotated, making perceptive comments on writer's purpose.
Merit	Clear comments on use of linguistic features. Subject specific terminology is mostly accurate and well applied. Texts are annotated to a good standard, making thoughtful comments on writer's purpose.
Pass	Some comments on linguistic features. Some subject specific terminology is present, but not always accurate. Annotations present, but not to a high level of detail.
Incomplete/Ungraded	Not handed in/Does not include 8 annotated texts or annotations are sparse and technically inaccurate. Analysis of texts and writer's method is non-existent or poor.

You may like to source your materials from the following websites:

Websites promoting attractions (Spinnaker Tower, Historic Dockyard, etc):

<https://www.spinnakertower.co.uk/>

<https://www.historicdockyard.co.uk/>

Tripadvisor (customer reviews of places, restaurants, attractions)

[https://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/Tourism-g186298-Portsmouth\\_Hampshire\\_England-Vacations.html](https://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/Tourism-g186298-Portsmouth_Hampshire_England-Vacations.html)



Multimodal (video) adverts

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Muw-GvluuA>

Historical accounts (Portsmouth in WW2 for example)



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/history/ww2peopleswar/stories/77/a1121077.shtml>

Portsmouth for children

<https://www.dayoutwiththekids.co.uk/things-to-do/south-east-and-london/hampshire/portsmouth>



Portsmouth Football Club (historic news articles about football violence)

<http://thefirms.co.uk/7-dangerous-british-hooligan-firms/pompey/>