

KS5 Newsletter

We are proud to be a department which encourages and supports all pupils to achieve and exceed their aspirations through offering opportunities across a range of disciplines: Literature, Language and Media Studies. As a team, we are driven by the pursuit of creating an ever-evolving curriculum which allows staff to deliver inspiring lessons which are both engaging and culturally relevant for our young people.

The ability to communicate effectively in both speech and writing is a necessity for everyone in all aspects of life, not just for those students who are considering reading English at university. A Levels in English and Media Studies encourage students to explore the different ways in which we communicate meaning. Our courses enable students to develop their critical and analytical reading and research skills. We view A Levels as an opportunity for students to become independent learners who have the courage and conviction to have individual views. We challenge our students to be creative thinkers and active participators and speaking and listening skills are an essential aspect of all the A Levels we offer.

At Brooke Weston Academy, we like to keep you up to date with the KS5 English Curriculum as much as possible. Therefore, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Meet the English and Media Team

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A Level English Literature

Exam Board

AQA Lit A

Assessment

Coursework and Examination

Overview

This two year course encourages students to develop interest in and enjoyment of English Literature, through reading extensively and widely, as well as critically and independently - across centuries, genre and gender. Students are expected to purchase numerous books and critical material over the course and also see a range of dramatic performances to enhance their experience of the texts and contexts in which the works were conceived or adapted. Students will be given audits per term of tasks to complete and a comprehensive reading list which they are expected to read, either with their teacher or as independent study.

A Level Media Studies

Exam Board

OCR

Assessment

Coursework and Examination

Overview

With a focus on innovation, creativity and enterprise, this two year course seeks to ensure that students have a full understanding of the new media which dominate the contemporary landscape by enabling students to use and produce such media in their coursework.

A Level English Language

Exam Board

AQA

Assessment

Coursework and Examination

Overview

This A Level English Language specification will enable students to build on the skills they've developed at GCSE by engaging creatively and critically with a wide range of texts and discourses. The course will enable development of a range of different skills such as data analysis, discursive essays, directed writing, original writing and research-based investigative writing. The skills taught include critical reading, data analysis, evaluation, the ability to develop and sustain arguments and a number of different writing skills which are invaluable for both further study and future employment. It is important for students considering this option to understand that the course is considered a social science with accompanying theory and discussion.

Where can my English and Media A Levels take me?

Career Path: RAF Police

There's a lot of writing and statements to take so having that skill of being able to write coherently and with correct grammar and spelling is very important, especially if the investigation goes to court martial. I also think that the analytical brain you form whilst studying English is useful. The ability to think outside the box and the reasoning as to why someone has said something is crucial in an Interview After Caution. If you don't know how to read into something you could miss important details.

And of course you have to communicate clearly when working with victims, witnesses and suspects, to help them understand what we're doing and why. It can be confusing being involved in an investigation and it's important that they have clarity and understanding of what's happening. It also encourages them to want to work with us, which is incredibly important.

Finally, legislation is written in a range of diverse ways. We need to be able to read and understand exactly what it means as otherwise we could make mistakes when considering criminal arrests. Having and English A Level also allowed me to read texts that weren't written in modern day English, similar to the way legislation is written. This meant that I found it a bit easier to study, whilst in training.