You develop the **INSIGHT** of an artist, the analytical **PRECISION** of a scientist and the **PERSUASIVENESS** of a lawyer.

Prof Moran, Brunel University
What will the course involve?
English Language is a popular A Level appealing to students because it examines texts in the real world such as adverts, speeches and newspaper articles. The emphasis is on understanding how and why language is used in specific ways and developing knowledge of key terminology which will help you analyse texts in a concise and focused style.

After learning how to analyse unseen texts, you will continue to develop your understanding of key frameworks as well as studying the development of English Language over time. This topic covers historical, social and cultural aspects as well as examining current attitudes towards the effects of new technology. There is also a focus on spoken language. You will analyse a wide range of transcripts from television and radio, spontaneous real life talk, comedy and child language acquisition.

How will I be assessed?
There will be three exams at the end of the second year (80%) and one piece of coursework (20%).

What will the course involve?
English Literature is a great subject for students who enjoy reading, thinking independently and evaluating ideas. This is a two year linear course where you will gain a better understanding of interpretations within literary texts through methods of analysis, expressing this in cogent, detailed and critical essays.

For the exams, you will read and compare a variety of literature, from classic plays to modern poetry, evaluating interpretations from your close reading of texts such as The Tempest, The Duchess of Malfi and The Whitsun Weddings in addition to analysing unseen prose and poetry in the exam. The coursework, which is worth 20%, is a 2500-3500 word comparative essay and allows you to pick a novel of your choice from your own wider reading at A Level.

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Carmel is a place where I can truly be myself. I can share the love of my subjects with likeminded people to truly make the most of my experience here.
Studying English Literature develops skills of analysis, critical thinking and articulation of knowledge and ideas; all skills essential for any future career.
I would recommend this subject because the department is phenomenal. The teaching is consistently of a top quality and tailored to students: if you are struggling, you will get the help you need and if you need challenging, you are sure to be given the resources to help you flourish.

I have travelled to London with the department to watch Doctor Faustus at the theatre as well as visiting the British Library and St Paul’s Cathedral. The best thing about Carmel is that it is never short of opportunities and you will always be pushed to be the best possible version of yourself.

When I leave college, I hope to study English Literature at Cambridge University.

Eva Carroll
Notre Dame
Studying:
English Literature, Politics, History
English Language & Literature

What will the course involve?
This is a popular course that links the skills of both English Language and English Literature study. It will appeal to students who have enjoyed both aspects at GCSE and wish to continue studying them in a broader and more in-depth manner.

During the two years you will explore 'voice' is crafted in both speech and writing, focusing on a drama text 'All My Sons', the poetry collection 'The Whitsun Weddings' as well as a range of short literary, non-literary and digital texts. You will also study texts that give you the opportunity to explore the ways in which different writers use language techniques and literary devices to convey their thoughts or ideas on a theme in literary and non-fiction writing. For example, you will analyse the techniques Fitzgerald uses
to explore 'Society and the Individual' in 'The Great Gatsby'.
As well as reading and analysing texts written by other people, you will also be given the opportunity to develop your own skills as a writer by producing two pieces of creative writing in response to a topic area, such as 'Crossing Boundaries'. You will also undertake wider reading to further your understanding of texts from a range of genres and time periods.

How will I be assessed?
There will be two exams at the end of the second year (80%) and one coursework component (20%).

What other activities do English students get involved in?
The English Department offers the opportunity to be involved in theatre visits, trips to places of literary interest, study days on specific examination modules, workshops on creative writing, examination preparation delivered by Senior Examiners and conferences on English Language. You can also, through Enrichment, be involved in debating, personal creative writing, and the poetry group.

Where does an English course lead?
English subjects are challenging, but are an excellent preparation both for university and your future career. Obvious careers include journalism, sales, teaching, management, administration, information management, publishing and careers in the public services.

What support will I receive?
All staff in the department are there to enable you to achieve the best grades possible and you can ask for help from any tutor. This is in addition to regular individual interviews with your own specific tutor. Additional revision classes are held for all re-sits and we take pride in the level of support given to our students.

What is the English Department like?
There are eight tutors in the English Department all of whom teach the whole range of courses. There is an excellent library containing both traditional texts, but also the very best of contemporary writing. The Department has a 'book of the month' programme giving students the opportunity to enjoy the latest publications. We have comprehensive IT facilities in the college and the English Department subscribes to a range of magazines and on-line resources such as Pro-Quest and the Oxford English Dictionary.

Linear A Level
Exam Board: PEARSON
Full course specification:
www.qualifications.pearson.com

Studying English as a combined course has enabled me to acquire the skills I feel will help me in further education as well as in life.
It is an intriguing A-Level which sparks creativity as well as helps you to construct critical and invaluable analysis. I’ve particularly enjoyed learning about the genre of modernism; Philip Larkin’s realisation of post-war Britain offers a strange yet vastly interesting lament on modern life.
Carmel has been an excellent bridge between my journey from secondary school to University as it has aided my independence and prepared me for adult life. I have found college to be an excellent creative hub and have utilised the many extra-curricular resources such as having the opportunity to perform in a comedic play. English Lang & Lit has accompanied my studies in Drama perfectly and has given me the confidence and skills I will need when I take my gap year to South East Asia before studying Drama in London.

Jack Tisdall
Childwall Academy
Studying:
English Lang & Lit,
Drama & Theatre, History

English Literature Trip
to watch Dr Faustus at the
Sam Wanamaker Playhouse
How successful are Carmel's English students?

Carmel’s English students achieve consistently high results across all three subjects:

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What are the entry requirements for these courses?

For all English subjects you will need a grade 5 in GCSE English Language and a grade 5 in GCSE English Literature (if studied).

Is there anything I should consider when choosing which English subject to take?

Students who know which specific English degree they are going to pursue should take the same A Level course. Students who are applying to Oxbridge, or prestigious universities should check with the university’s admissions team to see which English course is preferred.

**English Language at Carmel is a subject that has given me an abundance of opportunities that have only furthered my love for the subject and implored me to pursue it at degree level.**

The dedication of the staff and the guidance given to students, both as a class and individually (especially during coursework deadlines), really enables you to achieve your best and exceed your minimum expected grade.

As well as this, lessons are relaxed, yet planned to always be interesting. We cover a range of topics across the different components and, therefore, I personally always leave lessons feeling as if I’ve gained something which is why English Language is so inspiring and intriguing.

**Holly Rimmer-Haines**

Holly Lodge
Studying: English Language, English Literature, Geography

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