

# English Language and Literature

Level: 3  
Syllabus: WJEC  
Duration of Course: 1/2 years  
Course Venue: The John Frost School

## Aims of the Course

The aim of the A level in English language and literature encourages you to develop your interest and enjoyment of English as you:

- develop and apply your knowledge of literary analysis and evaluation
- develop and apply your understanding of the concepts and methods appropriate for the analysis and study of language
- use linguistic and literary approaches in your reading and interpretation of texts, showing how the two disciplines can relate to each other
- engage creatively and critically with a wide range of texts
- explore the ways in which texts relate to each other and the contexts in which they are produced and received
- undertake independent and sustained studies to develop your skills as producers and interpreters of language.

## Course Outline in Year 12

### Unit 1 Exam: Comparative Analysis and Creative Writing

- Section A: Comparative analysis of poetry and unseen text in which one question requires a comparative analysis of one poem from the WJEC English Language and Literature anthology and an unseen text from a choice of two, one of which will be a spoken text.
- Section B: Creative writing and commentary in which one question presented in three parts comprising two writing tasks, one of which will require a text written to be spoken, and a commentary.

### Unit 2 Exam: Drama and Non-literary Text Study (open book exam)

- Section A: Post-1900 drama in which one two-part question based on the reading of the play *Kindertransport* by Diane Samuels
- Section B: Non-literary text study in which one essay question based on the reading of *In Cold Blood* by Truman Capote.

The course is designed to promote the integrated study of English language and English literature skills and is accepted by all universities, enabling you to study either a language or a literature degree if you so wish (most of the TJFS English department have completed this course). It is also an excellent foundation for those students aiming to study other more written subjects, such as history, law, politics, religious studies, psychology, sociology etc. Many students aiming for science careers also have studied English at AS level to demonstrate their ability to read a range of written material, as is expected when studying sciences at degree level, and to also show their ability to analyse, evaluate and communicate effectively.