

What can I do after I have finished my course?

English Language and Literature are useful GCSEs for all walks of life. Students can continue on to study either a combined Language and Literature course at A Level, or they can specialise in either discipline. Students going on to do any further study at any level will benefit from the writing and speaking skills they'll have learned doing GCSE English.

Are there any visits/fieldwork relating to this course?

Where possible, we plan trips to see relevant plays.

FAQ

Will everyone do both GCSEs – Language and Literature?

Everyone will start the combined course. Some students may change to a less literature heavy course in Year 11.

Do I have to do English?

Yes! English is a compulsory GCSE in all schools.

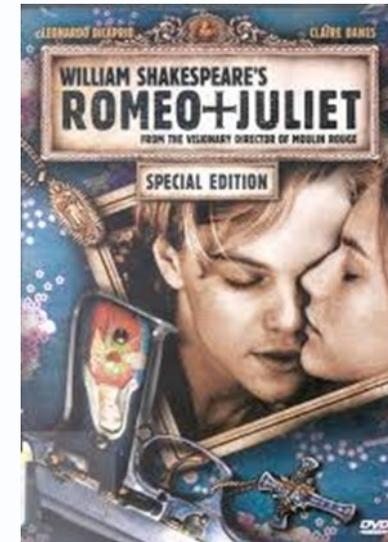
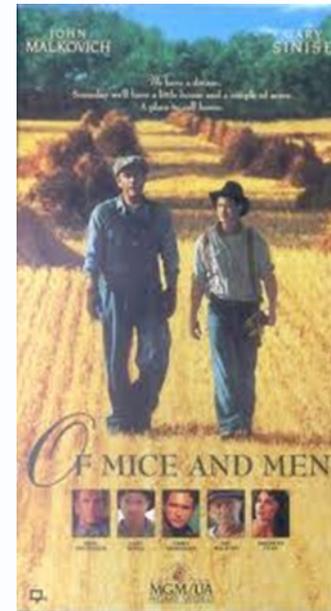
Which GCSE is most important?

Both GCSEs count equally in points scores for college, but you may find that colleges and employers are most interested in your GCSE English Language result.

Is iGCSE a fully recognised qualification?

Yes, colleges and employers all recognise iGCSE.

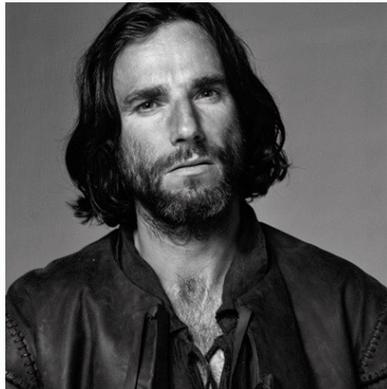
English Language and English Literature



Students may study 'Of Mice and Men' by John Steinbeck and 'Romeo and Juliet' by Shakespeare.

WHAT DOES THE COURSE INVOLVE?

At Isca, we want as many students as possible to study both English Language and English Literature. This gives students a broad experience of the ways English is used in the world, from non-fiction sources like newspapers, magazines and websites, to literature such as poetry, a novel, a Shakespeare play and a contemporary play. Students will analyse the intentions of writers, how they use language to achieve an effect and how audiences respond to texts. They'll also have the opportunity to produce writing of their own, both fiction and non-fiction. The course has a Speaking and Listening element, helping students build the skills they'll need to communicate in life after Isca.



Still image from 'The Crucible' by Arthur Miller

Structure of exam/split coursework/exam

Students will follow an English Language and Literature course. This will give them two separate GCSEs.

GCSE English Language

40% Controlled Assessment done in school under supervised conditions

60% Examination done at the end of the course.

GCSE English Literature

25% Controlled Assessment done in school under supervised conditions

75% Examination done at the end of the course.

Students will either study the AQA English Language and Literature course or the Cambridge iGCSE Language and Literature course. A decision will be made for the start of the students' course in September.