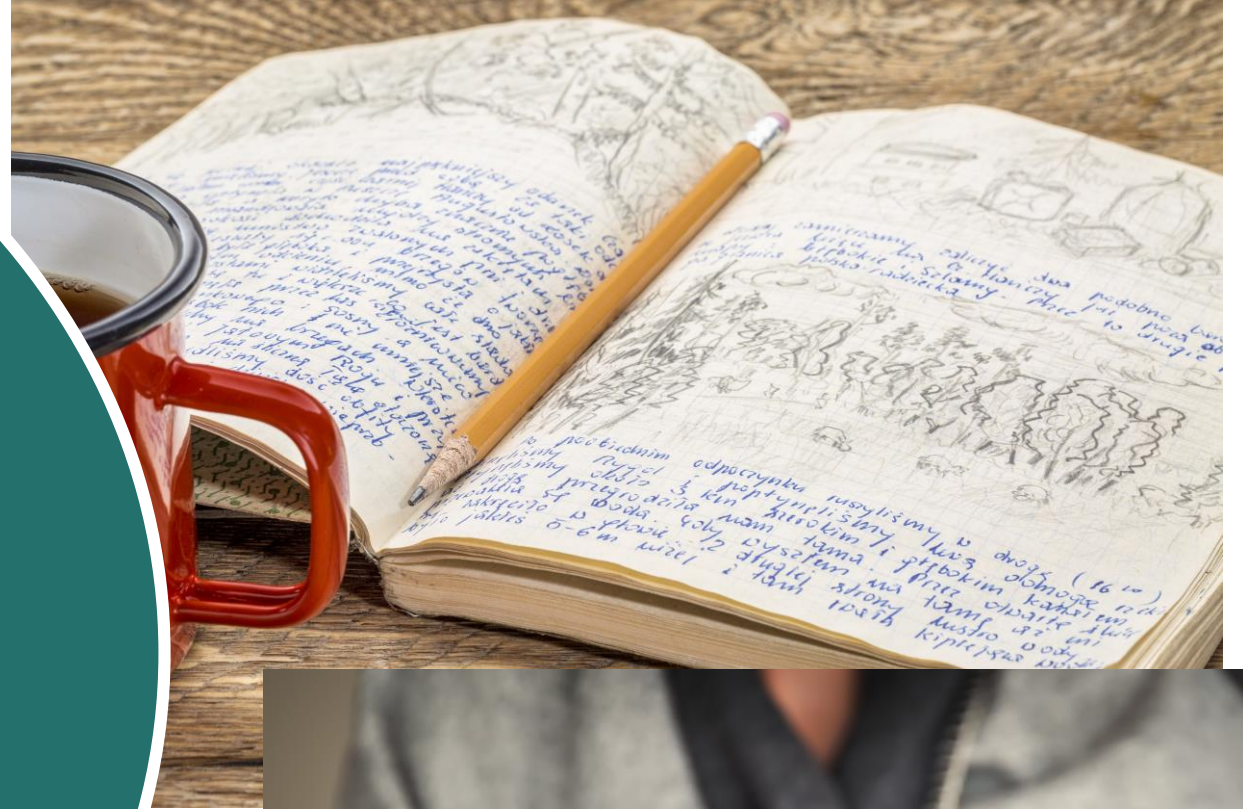



ENGLISH

Why Study
English?

TASK: Why did you choose the course you're studying, as opposed to one of the other English courses available?





TASK: Why should we study English?

What do you feel you've gained from the last five years of studying English?

Why study English?

- Refine communication skills: both written and spoken.
- Develop analytical and critical thinking skills.
- Connect a text/issue to a context, whether that's a theory, social context or historical context.
- Develop interpretation skills.
- Understanding the finer details of how the English language works can help you to learn other languages.



Common misconceptions about English

- ‘You can’t revise for English.’
- ‘English is just about reading books and writing about them.’
- ‘Studying English can ruin a good book.’
- ‘The only real job you can do if you study English is an English teacher.’
- ‘I don’t need to know how to spell because all jobs use computers now.’



What can you do with A Level English?

The skills you acquire in English are not only transferable across a range of subjects, but are crucial for application forms, interviews and many tasks within most jobs.



What can you do with English qualifications?

Studying English GCSEs and A Levels can also be useful for accessing higher education courses such as:

- law: solicitor, barrister, judge
- media studies: journalism, writer, broadcaster
- classics
- speech therapy
- publishing
- and so much more!



What if I don't want to go on to higher education?

English qualifications are important for the vast majority of jobs that you will apply for after college.

Having a qualification in English shows employers that you can communicate well in the written and spoken form, read proficiently and interpret information and do things with it, such as summarise, infer or analyse.



What if I don't want to go on to higher education?

For example: appropriate communication skills and use of language during internships/jobs in advertising, media, publishing or HR.



How could a lack of ability to communicate appropriately affect performance in these particular areas?

TASK: How can
English develop your
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How can English develop your character?



Leadership: leading group projects, debating, communicating effectively and problem-solving through analysis.

Organisation: project-based work, group presentations, working as part of a team, planning of written work, meeting deadlines, revision scheduling/interleaving, coursework.

Resilience: wider reading, independent research, persevering with targets, challenging yourself to develop your vocabulary and skills, drafting and editing written work, as well as revision.

Initiative: initiating ideas in discussions, independent research, debating, proof-reading and creation of revision resources and schedules.

Communication: paired/group/class discussions, debating, group presentations and written communication in a variety of forms.

How can English develop your character and cultural awareness?



- By exploring characters in literature, we can become more aware of different lifestyles, societies, cultures and issues that people face and therefore adapt and shape our own characters, based on how texts inspire and move us.
- By exploring different issues in non-fiction and fiction texts, across language and literature, we can explore and investigate different issues, but also different time periods, social contexts and much more.
- By reading widely, debating and developing our speaking and listening skills through English lessons, we can become much more aware of the world around us and the diverse range of people that live within it.

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