

St Patrick's Academy GCSE Subject Choice

Subject Information for students:

Subject: English Language

What the subject is about:

English has three areas of study that you are already very familiar with: Talking and Listening, Reading and Writing. It is a compulsory subject as it is an essential requirement for entry into all courses and employment and you will need it throughout your future career. You will study fiction and non-fiction texts and have the opportunity to read about people's views and express your opinion, both orally and in writing, on many issues and topics of interest to students of your age.

Course content and assessment schedule:

| Paper | Duration | % of total | Content |
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| 1 | 2 Hours | 30% | Section A- Reading: Response to a literary prose text (Comprehension). Section B- Writing: Review/Analyse/ Comment. (Discursive Essay) |
| 2 | 2 Hours | 30% | Section A- Writing: Letter/speech/article/personal recount. (Inform, Describe, Explain). Section B- Reading: Response to Non-fiction and Media texts. (eg. Advertisement, newspaper article or travel writing). |
| Internally Assessed Components | | 40 % | Talking and Listening- 20% Average mark based on 3 best assessments Reading- 10% Assignment A - Response to poetry from other cultures Assignment B - Response to a play by a pre-twentieth century Dramatist.(eg. Shakespeare) Writing- 10% Assignment C Essay- Argue, Persuade, Advise Assignment D – Creative- Explore, Imagine, Entertain. |

Attributes needed to succeed in the course

You will succeed in English if you are prepared to develop your existing skills in talking and listening, reading and writing.
If you avail of the opportunities to communicate clearly and imaginatively both orally and in writing and if you are keen to explore a variety of texts then you will have no problem in achieving a good result in this essential subject.

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