

WHY SOCIAL SUBJECTS?

SKILLS

The skills you develop in English and Media are as essential in your personal and social development as they are in your academic.

Written and oral communication skills.

Write and Speak with clarity and precision.

Sensitivity to the power of language and its role in creating meaning.

POSITIVE DESTINATIONS

The major problems of today are all based around the interpretation of texts—how do we identify ‘fake news’ and ‘misinformation’? How do people persuade others of a point of view? How have writers imagined the end of the world, and how do narratives shape reactions to global dangers? Being able to read between the lines has never been more important, and an English literature degree gives you the tools to do exactly that.”

Dr Christopher Pittard, Senior Lecturer in English Literature

CAREERS

Law, journalism, editor, social media manager, public relations, education, publisher, editor, marketing executive, writing and the creative industries - Social Subjects will provide you with the skills, knowledge and drive to succeed across a range of careers and disciplines.

If you want to do it, English and Media will help you achieve your dream.

NEXT STEPS FOR THE FACULTY

DIGITAL LEARNING

As one-to-one iPad provision is rolled out for all pupils, we are reviewing our courses and lessons to embed this invaluable new resource. This will build upon our effective use of Teams that developed as a result of online learning.

OUR VISION

We aim to challenge, guide and support you in becoming more confident and being able to participate and knowing how to use your voice.

So that you feel empowered within yourself to participate in creating a fair and more just society.

So that you can achieve your potential.

So that you can express your ideas and your creativity.

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SI-3 BGE ENGLISH

Through the BGE, our students will develop the necessary literacy skills to prepare them for the Senior Phase. Pupils will study a range of literature: short stories, a selection of poetry, contemporary and classic novels and plays as well a selection of media texts. This will help develop their ability to think critically, read fluently, develop their knowledge and understanding of language and provide them with the opportunity to learn about different cultures.

MEDIA IN THE BGE

Through the BGE, our students will develop an understanding of advertising, story boarding, languages, narrative theory, stereotypes and target audiences. They will also learn about the role media plays within society and how it can influence our behavior and attitudes. Pupils will also have the opportunity to plan, create, edit and evaluate their own trailers. Finally, pupils will study feature films which will challenge and inspire them as they look at films and media in greater detail.

QUALIFICATIONS OFFERED

ENGLISH

National 4/5:

RUAЕ: Reading for understanding, analysis and evaluation

Critical Reading: Norman MacCaig, Alan Spence, Rhona Munro and John Steinbeck.

Portfolio: Creative, Personal and Persuasive Writing

Higher:

RUAЕ: Reading for understanding, analysis and evaluation

Critical Reading: Carol Ann Duffy, Salinger, F. Scott Fitzgerald,

Shakespeare and Ena Lamont Stewart

Portfolio: Creative, Personal and Persuasive Writing

Advanced Higher:

Dissertation: Independent Choice

Portfolio: Poetry, Script Writing, Personal Reflective

Literary Study: Toni Morrison, Cormac McCarthy, and

Tennessee Williams

Textual Analysis: Non-Fiction, Fiction, Drama, and Prose

MEDIA

National 4/5:

Assignment: Creation of a children's tv show

Exam: Studying Key Aspects in Media Content: 'Avengers', 'Imposter' and Jeremy Clarkson's Farm.

Higher:

Assignment: Horror Film, Trailer or Posters

Role of the Media: Selection of Adverts

Unseen Analysis: Magazine Covers and Film Posters

Media Content: 'Get Out' and 'ODIS'.

HIGHLIGHTS

EXCELLENCE

Our subjects have an excellent academic record. In SQA examinations We never put a limit on what a pupil can achieve and continually support and challenge every individual to achieve their goals.

WHITE WATER WRITERS

As part of White Water Writers, a group of S2 pupils, spend a week off-timetable to plan, write, edit and publish a novel. Groups start with a blank page on Monday morning and publish their own collaboratively written novel for purchase on Amazon on a Friday afternoon. The novel is entirely the work of the students involved. The project aims to reengage pupils with the enjoyment of reading and writing or simply to motivate them further. Other goals focus on developing literacy skills, time-management, extended writing, confidence, resilience, teamwork, communication, leadership and of course, fun!

PUPIL TESTIMONY

"The staff are really welcoming. You also study really interesting subject matter that makes you think about the world and your place within it."

"Study Higher Media is an excellent choice. It helps you develop an insight into the languages you see on screen and understand how you are being influenced. Creating the assignment allowed me to develop an understanding of the various institutional factors that need to be considered when designing a media text."