

How will studying English (Language or Literature) benefit my career?

English Language and English Literature are incredibly popular subjects, something that is unsurprising given how enjoyable both subjects are! Not only are they a pleasure to be part of, the skills learned are transferable to all manner of career and profession.

English students are wordsmiths. Reading a wide range of literature and studying the complexities of the English Language translates to students of English having a way with words. They are articulate, eloquent and precise writers and passionate, thoughtful speakers.

English students are empathetic. Through literature, we are able to learn about different times, places, cultures and experiences. In reading about lives that are different from our own, we are able to form strong empathy for others. We show compassion and kindness to all.

English students are thoughtful questioners - and analytical thinkers too! We are prone to exploring the intricacies of a writer's craft, questioning the validity of a character's perspective and debating the value of a text in the literary canon.

English students are creative and imaginative. English, as a subject, is the expression of the human imagination throughout the rich history of English Literature (and literature from other cultures too). Our own imagination and creativity runs wild with the influence of great writers.

English students are interesting. Quite simply, someone who is well read has a lot to say!

Which careers can English prepare me for?

One of the most brilliant things about English is that it can prepare you for all careers and professions. The skills that studying English develop are diverse, academic and analytical. Potential careers include:

- Teaching and education
- Journalism and writing
- Law
- Publishing
- TV and film
- Leadership and management responsibilities