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English literature has always gripped my understanding in learning about the past and the present, and evidently, in scoring a very high grade at GCSE level, I knew that I had to learn more about this exciting subject to enhance my knowledge to a greater extent. I took A Level English literature because it's a subject that engages my reading skills as well as developing how to write effective essays that are useful for any degree course at university.

I would strongly encourage and urge anyone with a passion in reading to take up English literature at A Level – not only do you learn about books across time, but it is a pathway that develops key skills that are useful for later life. It's definitely helped me to structure essays and, as law is my future and all about drafting legal arguments, my skills from literature will come in handy when undertaking law at degree level.

From love tales to extreme tragedy, there is nothing within A Level English literature that will not keep you entertained, engaged and help you acknowledge the way that literature has shaped our past and present. Anyone who is open-minded, passionate and willing to argue their points and beliefs to the best of their ability, and are prepared to understand the way that literature not only has effect on an individual but society as a whole, should most definitely take English literature as their A Level choice. Moving from GCSE level to A Level is a huge change and step that can be challenging – but with the support from the best open-minded tutors, this subject will show you that there is more than just reading a book and learning what happened in the plot; it's a gateway to many new and exciting topics.

What defines 'English Language'? Creativity, mind-blowing, exciting and challenging, perhaps. English Language is packed with exciting topics that enabled me, as an A Level student, to grip my understanding of what makes up our English language. Anyone with a passion in learning about whether the English language has or has not changed, understanding the distinction between how accents, or someone's gender is perceived or even learning about the way a child learns to develop their grammar, should most definitely take English language at A Level. English language is a subject where it engages you to be opinionated as well as open-minded, creative and adventurous in learning about the ways the English language has had contribution on many important topics.

Not only do you understand about the English language itself, you will also enhance your knowledge on children's speech. You will learn about interesting and influential theorists who developed the way a child learns their grammar during the course of their childhood. If that doesn't excite you, you will even take part in writing your very own opinionated and creative article about a chosen topic that would have had many views on which is for you to develop an understanding of. English Language at A Level has definitely made me more aware of expressing my own opinion even when it may be disagreed by others – a key skill that is vital and quite important for any University degree or anyone wishing to be a public speaker, for example. It is a subject that never seeks to put you into boredom but shows you every depth to what makes up the English language and as to 'why' and 'how' the English language has changed in a contemporary society.

Anyone willing to learn about what the English language is (as we can agree that many people define it differently) should take English language at A Level so they can explore unanswered questions that will grip their understanding of the world behind them and the world in front of them.