



**Thank you for your application to study A Levels at our amazing High Pavement Sixth Form Centre, part of Nottingham College.**

**We're excited to be welcoming you to Nottingham College this September. Soon you'll be receiving your invitation to one of our enrolment events so that you can secure your place with us. This invitation should be with you early in August.**

To help you prepare for A Levels at Nottingham College we have produced some materials and other resources for you. These are for your benefit so please do your best to look through the information relevant to the courses you have applied for. We hope you find them useful in preparing for A Level study. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in touch with us.

## TASKS, RESOURCES AND RESEARCH

If you have chosen the English Combined A Level, then you will be studying an Anthology of non-fiction texts, all about Paris. To practise, we'd like you to look at a short text, 'Down and Out in Paris and London' by George Orwell, published in 1933. Please read this text carefully and respond to the questions given, in preparation for your studies. Ooh la la!

For our English Literature A Level we would like to introduce you to the concept of 'Tragedy'. This will be a significant theme of our study in the first year, so please have a go at the questions on that and demonstrate to us what you already know.

As part of this, you will study two significant plays:

- Death of a Salesman
- King Lear

We'd also like you to explore King Lear in a little more detail, so have provided some work on the first important scene. Please do all you can to read this and complete the activities before you start with us.

Finally, to prepare for our English Language A Level we'd like you to have a look at how language is used in journalistic reporting.

**You have the chance to compare the language used in newspapers and online blogs - quite enlightening!**

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# LEVEL for English

**Studying English at A Level builds a really solid foundation for any subject you choose to take on at University. Our three English programmes are English Language, English Literature and a combined literature and language A Level.**

You'll examine and analyse the spoken and written word and develop your technical vocabulary and communications skills with an English Language A Level. For Literature you will do lots of independent and guided reading to build your understanding of how stories, plays and poetry are composed and how they resonate through the generations. For our combined A Level you'll get the best of both worlds.

Our English students are encouraged to get involved in our student magazine Screever. This is a fantastic way to build up a written portfolio of work, gain practical experience and develop great team work skills. These are all extremely important if you're considering a career in journalism, creative writing or other media related careers.



## A career in English

**An English A Level opens many, many doors to hundreds of university pathways and future careers.**

Teaching, marketing, PR, journalism, playwriting, the performing arts, creative writing, TV and Film and media industry careers are just a handful of options available to you.

An English A Level also opens up study across the various humanities subjects at University too, including History, Social Sciences, Sociology and Politics.



## More about studying at High Pavement

### Taking care of you

Our Student Wellbeing team run activities, sessions and programmes to support your wellbeing. They also organise trips, host events and encourage you to get involved in a whole range of activities and movements in College and nationally. So, if you're passionate about the environment, why not join the Green Society, and if you want to champion LGBTQ rights, join our LGBTQ society. If you want to suggest setting something up, we're up for that too!

### Who do you talk to?

**Your Personal Tutor:** if you need help with your course let them know right away.

**Achievement Coach:** if you are worried about things outside your course and you need to speak to someone, they'll be able to help you. If they can't resolve the issue, they will put you in touch with someone who can.

**Careers Adviser:** they can help you get advice and information about your next steps, plus work and training options. They can also access a range of support to develop the skills you need to progress to university, and ultimately into employment.

**Specialist UCAS Advisers:** they are at High Pavement to help with choosing your options, completing your UCAS application, and preparing for interviews. This can be particularly useful in preparing for Oxbridge, or those more difficult to access application processes, such as for medicine and veterinary science.

**Student Services:** if you need to talk to someone confidentially to discuss money or get some health advice, they are here for you.

### Sports and activities

Love sport? You could take part in sports clubs and inter-college competitions. If you want to relax, we host stress-busting sessions to help you with your studies. We also have a wide range of sports on offer for beginners, plus activities such as British Sign Language and driving theory skills. Our specialist sports academies offer dedicated training in different sports, with the opportunity to gain coaching qualifications alongside your studies. You could even be in with the chance to apply for USA university sports scholarships. Find out more on our website.