A level English Language and English Literature Non-Exam Assessment (NEA)

What do you need to know?

- The NEC course materials and tutor will help prepare you for the NEA.
- You will need to complete the NEA as well as the written papers to achieve the A level qualification.
- There is no NEA for the AS.
- The NEA for English Language is ‘Language in action’, and consists of an investigation, original writing and a commentary.
- The NEA for English Literature is ‘Independent critical study: texts across time’, and consists of one extended essay and a bibliography.
- The NEA makes up 20% of the overall A level marks.
- The NEA must be completed in the same year that exams are being sat.
- If you resit the qualification you can carry over your NEA mark from a previous year.
- Private candidates may struggle to find an examination centre for A level English Language and English Literature as the entering centre will have the responsibility for supervising, authenticating and marking the NEA, and will also need to follow all requirements specified by the awarding organisation. **Students studying with NEC do not have this issue as we are able to deal with everything from supervision to examination.**

How can NEC help me?

NEC are in a unique position where they can help students from start to finish and therefore provide a seamless process. We are able to supervise, authenticate and mark your work, and also provide you with a guaranteed exam place at one of our partnership exam centres.

Where are the partnership centres?

We have twelve partnership centres in total. They are located in Ashton-under-Lyne (Greater Manchester), Bolton, Brighouse (West Yorkshire), Cambridge, Coventry, Fareham, Gravesend, London (Lambeth), London (Wimbledon), Oxford, Stockton-on-Tees and Swindon.
How do I enter?

Complete our exam application form which is available to download on learn@nec, along with additional guidance. All you need to do is complete this application form. We will arrange the rest!

When will I complete the NEA?

Your final piece of work will need to be handed in by 15th March. However, there are also a number of deadlines leading up to this date. You can find these dates on learn@nec.

Can I sit my exams at a private centre?

Not unless there are extenuating circumstances. Using one of our partnership centres ensures that the process goes as smoothly as possible and enables us to help with any issues that arise due to the good relationships we have built up with them.